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An improved cross-shore beach profile evolution model was developed based on equilibrium beach profile and surface-sediment concepts. A more physically sound/wave transformation model and sediment model were adopted to improve the calculation of wave height transformation and energy dissipation inside the surf zone. Including the surface-sediment model produced a new equilibrium beach profile shape which can represent bar profiles to a limited degree. The profile scale factor in the equilibrium beach profile formula was modified through the fall velocity parameter based on best fit of measured profiles from large-scale laboratory experiments. To predict beach profile response under wave action, a finite difference method was applied to solve the sediment transport and continuity equations numerically through an explicit, double sweep scheme. After model calibration with eleven large-scale wave flume experimental data, it was found that a sediment transport relationship with a  $n=2$  provided better overall predictions than a value of 1 and 3. This nonlinear relationship provided a reasonable explanation for



different time scales of beach profile evolution under different wave and wind profile conditions.

The model was applied to additional large-scale wave flume experimental data from SUPERTANK and LIP 110 and field data after major storms at Ocean City, Maryland and the Panhandle Coast of Florida, along with comparisons with two other closed loop models (SBEACH and CROSBY). Results showed that all three models had different degrees of underprediction of volume changes and erosion recovery after storms. The model also generates bar profiles under both regular and random wave conditions, which is similar to the SBEACH model but an empirical assumption is made in the nearshore region.

## CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVE

### 1.1 Introduction

Coast beaches are valuable resources. They not only provide protection from severe storms and hurricanes, but also provide substantial revenue as a recreational amenity. Under the continuous seasonal action of waves, currents and winds, beaches erode slowly during winter and storms during summer. The sediment transport at a point is the seaward cross offshore cross-shore and longshore components. Cross-shore sediment transport includes both offshore transport such as occurs during storms and onshore transport during mild wave climates. Transport in these two directions occurs as separately distinct modes (suspended load-dominated offshore transport, while bedload dominated onshore transport) and with remarkably disparate time scales. The offshore transport occurs most from the upper profile is offshore in hours to days during a storm whereas the onshore transport may take months or years to move sand to the dry beach as which a "ridge and runnel" system often develops. Difficulties in predicting transport in the two directions also differ substantially. Offshore transport is the more predictable of the two. This is fortunate for coastal engineers, since there is considerably greater engineering concern and interest in offshore transport because of its potential damage to structures and loss of land.

Cross-shore sediment transport is relevant to a number of coastal engineering problems including the following:

- Beaches and their response to storms

- Cross-shore equilibration of a beach nourishment project
- Profile nourishment is, where the sand is placed in the nearshore with the expectation that it will move landward according to the beach
- Short-term response to sea level rise
- Seasonal shoreline changes
- Overwash, the process of landward transport due to overlapping of the normal land mass due to high tides and waves
- Rapid immediately removal of shore-parallel structures, such as seawalls
- Cross-shore and longshore-coupled transport around shore-normal structures in which the transport is either along the updrift and downdrift sides before normal and landward transport components, respectively.

One successful and commonly adopted method to protect shore damage and attract more people to the beach is beach nourishment, especially in Florida. Beach nourishment projects restore the eroded beach with addition of large quantities of good quality sand to the natural system. Beach nourishment profiles are usually constructed with slopes steeper than equilibrium. The time scale for profile equilibration is very significant in design and interpretation of beach nourishment project evaluations, because water beaches during equilibration periods meet area for recreation and a greater degree of storm protection in upland structures. Additionally profile equilibration can be misinterpreted as a loss of material and consequently a poor and nonoptimal performance.

A clear understanding of the time scales of profile equilibration provides guidance in the beach nourishment project design process. Examples include the volume of sand to be placed in order to shape the desired beach width during the life span of the project, and the best design slope of the placement to ensure that less sand is carried offshore. This understanding is also helpful for analysis of beach nourishment project performance and for regulatory purposes such as establishing coastal construction control lines.

Forces governing beach profile equilibration processes include natural and artificial forces. The natural forces include tides, waves, and sea level rise. The most significant artificial force is due to profiles placed at slopes except their equilibrium that reduce seaward sediment transport and seaward shoreline retreat. Due to the complexities of real coast hydrodynamics, sediment characteristics, and wave conditions, an analytical treatment of beach profile change is very difficult. Thus, numerical modeling (which allows flexibility in the specifications of initial and boundary conditions and the representation of a forcing forcing) is a powerful and appropriate tool.

## 1.1 Characteristics of Beach Systems

### 1.1.1 Approach to Equilibrium

Beach profiles can attain equilibrium states under constant environmental conditions. An equilibrium profile, by definition, is approached when the near-shore transport rates at all points become zero, or are the longshore gradients in longshore transport. So the decay of cross-shore transport rate with time is one direct measure of profile equilibration. Figures 1-1 and 1-2 show two cases of transport rate distributions with time extracted from profile measurements, one for an observed case and one for an arbitrary case from LNT experience (Kraus and Larson, 1988). Other quantities that can be used to represent the profile equilibration process include sand volume (or bar volume) for observed profiles and beach volume for arbitrary profiles, shoreline position changes, bar growth, and so on. These confirm the the equilibrium concept is valid and that a numerical model developed for simulating realistic beach profile change needs to include this property.

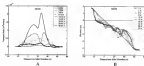


Figure 1-1. Calculated transport rate distributions with time for Test CE200 with measured profiles ( $H = 1.40$  m,  $T = 11.10$  s,  $D_{50} = 0.02$  mm). A) Transport rate. B) Measured profiles.

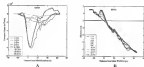


Figure 1-2. Calculated transport rate distributions with time for Test CE201 with measured profiles ( $H = 0.50$  m,  $T = 11.33$  s,  $D_{50} = 0.4$  mm). A) Transport rate. B) Measured profiles.

### 1.3.1 Equilibrium Beach Profiles

A systematic understanding of the characteristics of equilibrium beach profiles is central to rational design of many coastal engineering projects and to the interpretation of sediment processes. Several features of equilibrium profiles are well known:

- They tend to become steeper
- Smaller and larger sand diameters are associated with wider and steeper slopes, respectively

- The beach face is approximately planar
- Deep waves and fine sands result in milder slopes and a tendency for the formation

### 1.1.2.1 Statistical approach to equilibrium beach profiles

Through analysis of beach profiles from the United States Sea coast and Atlantic Bay, Caldecott, Brown (1954) found that profiles tended to follow the simple relationship

$$h = Ay^{1/3} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $A$  is a dimensional scale parameter with units of length<sup>2/3</sup> and depends primarily on sediment characteristics

Using 961 beach profiles from the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico shorelines and a least-squares procedure, Dean (1977) fitted an equation of the form  $h = Ay^m$ . A constant value of  $m = 0.3$  was found, which, according to linear wave theory, is consistent with uniform wave energy dissipation per unit volume within the surf zone as the dominant destruction force

Bodge (1992) proposed an exponential expression for equilibrium profile as

$$h = B(1 - e^{-kx}) \quad (1.2)$$

where  $B$  and  $k$  are constant parameters. This expression along with the 1/3 power equilibrium profile were fit to a set of data from 304 beach profiles from the U.S. east coast and Gulf of Mexico which Dean (1977) originally used to investigate the  $h = Ay^{1/3}$  slope. Bodge found that most (80% to 85%) were better fit by the exponential form relative to the 1/3 power slope. He concluded that the improved fit of the exponential expression was likely to be most visible for beaches with decreasing grain size in the offshore direction. The leading coefficient  $B$  may reflect height in the depth of closure and the coefficient  $k$  may describe sediment type or its gradient in the offshore

direction. However, no attempt was made to correlate the parameters with beach or wave characteristics.

Koester and McIlwaine (1964) considered an alternative form of the exponential beach profile (Eq. 1.3)

$$h = \frac{S_b}{d} (1 - e^{-kx}) \quad (1.3)$$

where  $S_b$  is the beach face slope. They noted that because there have been many past studies that relate  $S_b$  to beach sediment, grain size and wave conditions, this exponential beach profile form only contains one adjustable coefficient,  $k$ , whose variations can be based on the variations of the stream depth of profile change or equally on some arbitrary stream width/depth coefficient.

By reasoning that the flooding mechanism (landward and seaward of the breakpoint bar (dry shoaling waves and breaking waves respectively)) can be significantly different, Jensen et al. (1985) divided the beach profile into two independent portions separated by the bar crest. The two portions were termed as bar form, from the form used in the breakpoint bar, and duneform, seaward of the breakpoint bar (Figure 1-3).

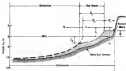


Figure 1-3 Schematic sketch of bar form and duneform profile (Jensen et al., 1985).

Two power functions similar to  $h = A_0 x^B$  were used independently to reconstruct the two segments. It was demonstrated that the lowest profiles were reproduced better, especially in the runway of the bar and the offshore portion, than the one segment model by  $h = A_0 x^B$ . This profile model has 8 parameters requiring quantification.

Wang and Davis (1988) developed a three segment beach profile model based on the James et al. (1978) approach for reproducing the commonly observed bar and trough features. The model was developed under the general form of

$$h = F(x)g(x) \quad (1.4)$$

where the function  $F$  is determined empirically based on regional boundary condition.

The three segments used are

- Near and mid zone, from the barrier elevation of the trough to the shoreline, dominated by secondary wave shoaling and breaking,

$$h = A_1 x^{B_1}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq x_0 \quad (1.5)$$

- Landward of the bar zone, characterized by a landward dip and a landward increasing depth. The dominant hydrodynamic process is rapid energy dissipation at the bar top due to breaking and wave reflection caused by increasing water depth.

$$h = h_0 + \frac{h_1 - h_0}{x_0 - x_1}(x - x_1), \quad x_0 \leq x \leq x_1 \quad (1.6)$$

- Seaward, from the bar crest to the seaward depth, this portion is dominated by wave shoaling and breaking on the bar top.

$$h = A_2 [x - x_1]^{B_2}, \quad x_1 \leq x \leq x_{20} \quad (1.7)$$

where  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are dimensional scale parameters related to grain size, the mean surf and seaward, respectively;  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are empirical shape parameters controlling the beach slopes;  $x_0$  and  $x_1$  are water depth at trough and on distance to the shoreline,  $h_0$  and  $h_1$  are water depth at bar top and at distance to the shoreline,  $x_{20}$  is the distance from shoreline



is the channel depth at the profile and  $y_1$  is the outcrop of the meandering pattern with zero water level. The quantity  $m_2$  was found to be well approximated by  $2/3$ , while  $m_1$  was larger than  $2/3$ , with an average best-fit value of 0.82. Application of this model requires knowledge of 19 parameters, some of which can be determined without availability of the profile. Thus, this model can be applied in a diagnostic, but not a predictive manner.

### 3.3.1.2 Based on equilibrium mechanisms

Stromsø (1980) established an equilibrium bank profile model using an empirical model of suspended sediment transport based on wave orbital motions and a perturbation in drift velocity within the meanderbelt. The first-order solution, assuming symmetrical wave-orbital motions, yielded a bank profile having a  $2/3$ -power depth variation. However, when the higher harmonic terms were included to simulate the more realistic asymmetrical wave-orbital motions as found in flume-type waves, the analysis then yielded a profile having a  $3/5$ -power depth variation.

Based on Degrad's energetic approach for bed load and suspended load under steady flows, Leonov's (1983) developed an equilibrium profile model based on the following considerations: (1) bed-load sediment grains are homogeneous in density and size; (2) bed-load sediment transport is positive due to the wave orbital velocity asymmetry; (3) suspended-load transport is diffusive and its rate is equal to the product of the suspended sediment concentration and the velocity velocity. The model results in Eq. 1.8:

$$\frac{dh}{dy} + \frac{1}{y} \ln \frac{h}{C_{s0}} \frac{dy}{dy} = B - Q \quad (1.8)$$

where  $\gamma$  is positive (waves with crests at the breaking point),  $h$  is water depth,  $h_b$  is the water depth at wave-breaking point,  $\gamma = E/h$ ,  $E$  is wave energy,  $w$  is the particle full velocity,  $C_g$  is the wave phase speed at the break point and  $k$  is a constant of the order of  $10^{-3}$ . Using two different  $\gamma$  forms at the offshore (Dean's law) and onshore region (constant) from the breaking point, an equilibrium profile was obtained which was concave at the offshore region (where wave energy grows) and concave in the surf zone (where wave energy dissipation occurs). This model was applied to both monochromatic and random waves. Figure 1-4 compares measured and theoretical results.



Figure 1-4 Comparison between measured and theoretical SWP (Larson's, 1983). Solid line 1 and dashed line 2 refer to measured and calculated profiles, respectively.

Larson (1983) modified the concept of Dean's energy-dissipation per unit volume by replacing the spilling breaker assumption with the breaking model by Kelly et al. (1984), which considers the dissipation due to breaking in the surf zone to be given by

$$\frac{dE'}{dx} = -\frac{E'}{L} (P - P_c) \quad (1-19)$$

where the energy flux  $P = EC_{g0}$ ,  $P_c$  is the stable energy flux based on a stable breaking wave height  $H_s = 1.78$ . Expressing this energy flux relationship as Dean's uniform energy dissipation per unit volume leads to the resulting equilibrium profile

$$x = L \left( \frac{h}{E} + \frac{3}{24} \pi^{1/2} k \left( \frac{E^2 h^2}{\Omega} \right)^{1/3} \right) \quad (1-20)$$

which includes a linear term that accounts the infinite slope at the shoreline that occurs at

Eq. 1.1. Dots (1983) obtained a similar form by including the effect of gravity

$$f = \frac{h}{m} + \zeta \frac{h}{d} z^{m+1} \quad (1.11)$$

Following the Larson (1983) model, Cross et al. (1983) developed an EBF model under random waves by using the random wave dissipation model from Thomson and Cars (1963). They obtained the following simple EBF model

$$h(z) = \beta z^{2/3} \quad (1.12)$$

where

$$\beta = \left\{ \frac{16 Q_0}{148} \Gamma \left[ \frac{d}{\beta} \frac{d}{dz} \right]^{2/3} \right\}^{3/2} \quad (1.13)$$

Larson et al. (1983) presented simple theoretical models to determine the equilibrium profile shape under breaking and nonbreaking waves. For the case of breaking waves, they assumed that the seaward transport in the nearshore is locally balanced by a net vertical sedimentation, so that no bottom change occurs at equilibrium. Three different models were developed to derive the profile shape under nonbreaking waves: (I) A variational formulation where the wave energy dissipation in the bottom boundary layer is maximized over the part of the profile affected by nonbreaking waves; (II) An integration of a sand-size sediment transport formula over a wave zone where the shape evolution that yield net-zero transport determines the profile; (III) A conceptual formulation of mechanisms for sand and offshore sediment transport where a balance between the nearshore deltaic sedimentation conditions. The purpose was to evaluate the sensitivity of the resulting EBF shape given different assumptions for the

conditions of equilibrium and the governing mechanisms. The resulting EBF shape under breaking and nonbreaking waves are given by

$$h = A\beta^B, \quad B = p + \gamma_0, \quad (1.14)$$

$$h = |A_0|^{-1/2} + \beta_0\beta - \gamma_0\beta^2, \quad \gamma = \gamma_0, \quad (1.15)$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are dimensionless shape parameters.  $A$  is related to grain size (or fall speed), whereas  $B$  is a function of offshore wave conditions and sediment characteristics. The values of the power were determined to be  $p = 2.5$  units  $\approx 0.15$  to  $0.20$ . Thus, the theoretical EBF models were essentially based on monochromatic (or representative) wave conditions and the effects of wave randomness were not addressed explicitly.

Melville *et al.* (2008) proposed a new equilibrium beach profile formulation that treats the shoaling portion of the profile independently from that of the breaking portion. The formulation considers wave reflection from the beach and the variation of sea level due to tide. The theoretical basis of the model is the time-averaged wave energy flux equation for straight and parallel bottom contours

$$\frac{dP}{dx} = -\epsilon, \quad (1.16)$$

where  $P$  is the net shoreward energy flux per unit width and  $\epsilon$  is the energy dissipation rate per unit surface area. The equation involves three variables: wave height, wave steepness and wave energy dissipation. Two different wave energy dissipation models and wave height relationships across the profile are proposed for breaking and non-breaking waves, respectively.

- EBFs under breaking waves

$$x = \beta_0^2\beta \quad (1.17)$$

$$B = \rho h \quad (1.18)$$

$$r = \left( \frac{h}{2} \right)^{2/3} + \frac{B}{2\gamma} h^2, \text{ for } p = \gamma_0 \quad (1.19)$$

$$A = \left\{ \frac{34B\gamma}{2\gamma_0^2 h^2} \right\} \quad (1.20)$$

where  $\gamma_0$  is the wave energy-dissipation per unit wave depth caused by wave breaking,  $r$  is the location vs. depth ratio,  $B$  is a constant which depends on wave period, and is related to the reflected-energy flux and is zero if reflection is negligible.

- **III) For under-reshaping waves**

$$x = B_1^2 \quad (1.21)$$

$$N = B_2 \sqrt{h} \quad (1.22)$$

$$T = T_0 - B_3 = \left( \frac{h}{C} \right)^{2/3} + \frac{B}{C^2} h^2, \text{ for } T^2 \geq T_0 \quad (1.23)$$

$$C^{2/3} = \frac{6B\gamma}{h^2 + B_4\gamma_0} \quad (1.24)$$

$$B_1 = B_5 D = \frac{h^{2/3}}{C} (2 + \frac{B}{C^2}) \frac{B}{C} A_1^2 \quad (1.25)$$

where  $B_1^2$  is the constant wave energy-dissipation per unit area caused by friction,  $B$  and  $D$  are constants. Similar to  $B$  as the breaking wave,  $D$  is also related to reflected-energy flux and is zero if no reflection. The subscript “5” refers to the offshore limit of the standing profile.

An increase in wave height will have two effects on the equilibrium shape. First, the standing profile will become steeper as the shape parameter  $C$  increases. Second, the offshore limit of the surf profile will also increase due to the greater breaking depth.

Besides these, wave reflection adds a new link between both portions of the profile. A variation in the wave period will change the shape parameters  $B$  and  $D$  and consequently, the overall shape of the profile. Data fit tests using the shore EBF shape against over 50 profiles from 13 beaches along the Spanish coast were conducted to determine relationships among the shape parameters  $[A, B, C, D]$  and the wave or the sediment characteristics of a beach profile. The best fit was obtained using the deterministic fit technique,  $\Omega = |R_{adj}|/nF$ . For the range of  $1.5 < \Omega < 3$ , the following expressions were obtained:

$$A = 0.71 - 0.05\Omega \quad (j. 56)$$

$$B = 0.85 \exp(-0.34\Omega) \quad (j. 57)$$

$$C = 0.64 + 0.04\Omega \quad (j. 58)$$

$$D = 0.22 \exp(-0.02\Omega) \quad (j. 59)$$

#### 3.1.1.5 Non-uniform grain size effects

On most beaches, the median grain size decreases with distance offshore, producing a profile that is steeper ashore and more gently sloping offshore. Based on the same assumptions as Dean's equilibrium profile concept, a modified equilibrium profile model was proposed for varying sediment size along the beach by Larson (1981). A simple description of the variation in equilibrium energy dissipation,  $D_{eq}$ , with distance from the shoreline is assumed as

$$D_{eq} = D_s + (D_b - D_s) \exp(-k_y y) \quad (j. 60)$$

where  $D_b$  and  $D_s$  are the equilibrium energy dissipation for the material at the shoreline and the offshore, respectively ( $D_b > D_s$ ), and  $k_y$  is an empirical coefficient denoting the rate at which  $D_{eq}$  approaches  $D_s$ . The equilibrium profile shape is given by

$$A = A_0 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} 4 \frac{A_0}{D_0} \right) = 2A_0 = e^{-2} \left( \frac{D}{D_0} \right)^2 \quad (3.13)$$

in which  $A$  is defined based on  $D_0$ . Three different beach profile datasets were used to compare the modified equilibrium profile shape with the observed 2-D power equilibrium profile, and a better fit with the measured profile was found by the modified equilibrium profile form.

### 3.1.3 Forces Acting on the Beachline

An equilibrium beach profile represents a balance of “destructive” and “constructive” forces acting on the beach. At present, neither the complete identification nor the quantification of these forces is well understood. Dean (1983) and Dean and Dalrymple (2002) described these forces in detail.

Destructive forces are those that cause offshore transport and beach erosion. Gravity is the most obvious destructive force. It acts downslope reducing the profile slope. Gravity also tends to smooth any irregularities that occur in the profile. Another significant destructive force is the turbulence generated by wave breaking within the surf zone. The turbulent flow causes sediment particles and suspended silt to be entrained in the water column. The mean water flow, undertow, then transports these suspended sediment offshore. The undertow that occurs seaward-directed along shorebars that contribute to an offshore/bottomal transport.

Constructive forces, on the other hand, cause onshore transport and beach accretion. Three individual constructive forces are identified. The first is due to the on-shore bar-sediments at the bottom resulting from the nonlinear shallow-water wave forces. The wave crests are higher and of less duration than the troughs for the nonlinear waves. The second constructive force is that due to the streaming velocities in the

direction of propagating waves within the bottom boundary layer. An additional constructive force is due to the intermittent suspension and selective transport of the particles by the wave-induced crest velocities. This force could be constructive or destructive depending on the transport direction caused.

## 1.2.4 Parameters Affecting Profile Evolution

### 1.2.4.1 Sand grain size

The transportability of a sand grain is affected by its characteristics (such as size, shape, primary specific gravity, etc.). A hydrodynamically relevant sand particle parameter is its fall velocity. Coarse sand grains (which fall rapidly) are less likely than finer sand grains to be suspended in the water column. Coarse sand also can sustain larger shear stresses without moving than fine sand. Thus, coarse sediments can withstand the destructive forces more easily than fine sands, and usually form a steeper/beach slope. Figure 1-5 compares different sediment size effects on profile shapes for the same wave conditions.



Figure 1-5 Comparison of sediment size effects on profile evolution (Data from Kraus and Larson, 1988)



### 1.2.4.2 Wave height

For the same profile, increasing wave height results in a wider surf zone and more wave energy dissipation than causing more erosion. Under higher waves such as storm conditions, a so-called "normal" or "barrier" profile will be developed, single or multiple bars usually will appear on this kind of profile. By contrast, under lower waves, a "normal" or "transverse" profile will be formed. Transport in these two conditions appears to occur in significantly distinct modes and with markedly disparate time scales, so that, for differences in productive populations differ substantially. Figure 1-4 compares different wave height effects on the profile evolution.



Figure 1-4 Comparison of profile evolution under different wave heights (Data from Kraus and Larson, 1988)

### 1.2.4.3 Wave period

According to the fall cone model of Dean (1976), if the fall time of a suspended sand particle is less than half the wave period, the sand grains should move coherently. Alternatively, if the fall time is greater than half the wave period, the sand particles would be carried offshore. Thus longer wave periods tend to cause sediments to be transported

shoalward and the mean shoreline is advanced seaward such that the average beach slope is steeper than the shorter period waves. Figure 1-7 shows different profile development under different wave periods. In both tests, grain size are the same, and the incident wave heights are almost the same. The test with longer wave period has an accretionary profile, on the other hand, the test with shorter wave period has an erosion profile.

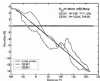


Figure 1-7. Comparison of profile evolution under different wave periods (Data from Kraus and Larson, 1994)

#### 1.3.4-8 Regular and Irregular waves

Random waves typically break across a wide water portion of the beach profile that monochromatic waves with the same average energy, producing a more evenly distributed energy dissipation across shore. Thus, the net cross-shore transport rate distribution is expected to be more uniform under random waves, causing a more gradual evolution. Figures 1-8 and 1-9 show profile changes and transport rates of two runs in SUPERTANK (Kraus and French, 1994) under monochromatic and random waves. The beach profiles were first exposed to random waves until near equilibrium. Then a

monochromatic waves was used, with a wave height the same as the significant wave height of the random waves and a wave period the same as the peak spectral period. The shape of the bar clearly changed after it was exposed to monochromatic waves. The bar increased substantially as a pronounced length developed.



Figure 1-8 Profile Changes under random and monochromatic waves for case ST-18 in SUPERTANK ( $H_{max} = 0.8$  m,  $T_p = 3$  s)



Figure 1-9 Transport rates under random and monochromatic waves for case ST-18 in SUPERTANK ( $H_{max} = 0.8$  m,  $T_p = 3$  s)

### 1.2 Objective and Scope of Study

At present, although progress has been made in cross-shore sediment transport modeling, there are no known models which have been demonstrated to predict adequately the time scales for accretation profile equilibration. For practical purposes the main objective of this study is to provide a better understanding of cross-shore sediment transport relationships and develop a numerical model to represent the beach profile equilibration process and determine the time scale of profile evolution, which can be applied by practicing engineers.

Chapter 2 provides a detailed literature review on the subject, which includes previous valuable findings in laboratory experiments, and some analytical and numerical models developed previously.

Chapter 3 is the main part of the dissertation and presents detailed descriptions of the model developed herein. Three different wave energy dissipation models under monochromatic waves are examined: (1)  $H = \rho h$ , the spring bedline assumption which includes a constant soil zone, (2) the wave transformation model of Dally, Dean and Dalrymple's (1981), and (3) Dally et al model coupled with the roller model of Dally and Bowen (1985). The relationship between the transport rates and the dissipation of the actual wave energy dissipation per unit volume from equilibrium is adopted. An empirical relationship is developed which incorporates wave effects in the profile scale parameter,  $A$ , (see Eq. 1-15), of the equilibrium beach profile. An explicit finite difference scheme with a implicitly solved grid in the offshore direction is applied to solve the model governing equations. The transport and profile evolution under random waves are determined using a wave-by-wave approach.

The model calibration, verification and sensitivity analyses are given in Chapters 4 and 5. The data from four large wave flume experiments are utilized for the model calibration and validation, these data include both regular waves and random waves. Sensitivity analyses investigate the influence of several model parameters on the model performance. In Chapter 6, both additional laboratory data and field data are applied to further investigate the model performance. The model comparisons with SHALOM (Larsen and Kraus, 1999) and CROSSL (Zhang, 1996; Zhang and Dean, 1997) are also provided in Chapter 6.

Chapter 7 presents the summary and conclusions from the study and proposes some recommendations for future model development. The program code in FORTRAN90 is presented in the appendix, where some conclusions are also provided.

## CHAPTER 2 LITERATURE REVIEW

### 2.1 Laboratory Studies

Due to the complexity of living soil beach change processes *in-situ*, laboratory simulation under controlled conditions remains a powerful tool. Many laboratory research studies have been conducted during past decades, including small-scale and large-scale wave flume experiments. These experiments provide useful information and guidance for our understanding and modeling of beach profile evolution processes.

Koster (1944) conducted laboratory experiments of equilibrium beach profile characteristics. He suggested that the wave steepness and the ratio of median grain size to wave length ( $d_m/L_0$ ) played an important role in beach profile formation.

White (1954) investigated the influence of varying wave periods on beach profiles. It was found that the final beachface and offshore slopes produced were essentially identical under constant period waves and varying period waves (while the mean water level is the constant period waves), and the variable period tests created less actual material movement and less apparent bed features (bar and trough) than the constant period tests.

Kanas and Pararaschakis (1972) examined the stable points on beach profiles corresponding with a planar profile. A stable point is the point on a beach profile that does not undergo any considerable change during the process of profile modifications due to incident waves of essentially constant characteristics. Figure 2-4 shows examples of stable points on steep and normal profiles. For a storm profile, there exists a stable point

near the breaker zone and a second stable point may result in the offshore zone depending on the steepness of the incident waves. In the case of a normal profile, the stable point does not exist in the strict sense, but there is one point on the modified profile which seems to serve the same function as a stable point as the storm profile case. They found that the depth at the stable point was proportional to the dimensionless parameter  $H_0^2/\gamma v$ , where  $v$  is the kinematic viscosity of water.

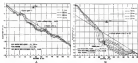


Figure 2.1 Stable points on storm and normal profiles (Suzumori and Hasegawa, 1976)  
A) Two stable points on a storm profile. B) Stable point on a normal profile.

Based on laboratory experiments, Suzumori and Hasegawa (1976) proposed a beach classification criterion for cases in which the beach profile was planar and which included the effects of wave steepness, initial beach slope and the ratio of sand size to wave length. The three beach profile types (shown in Figure 2.2) were classified by

$$\frac{H_0}{d_0} = C(\tan \beta)^{0.75} \left( \frac{d_0}{L_0} \right)^{0.75} \quad (2-10)$$

where  $\beta$  is the beach slope. For Type 1 profile:  $C \geq 4$ , Type 2 profile:  $4 \leq C < 6$ , Type 3 profile:  $C < 4$ .

Watanabe et al. (1993) conducted a series of small-scale experiments using two different sand diameters (0.3 mm and 0.7 mm). Each experiment began with a uniform

channel slope of 1:100 or 1:200 and was conducted under different wave conditions for one hour. They confirmed the beach profile classification criterion of Sumerston and Horsfield (1974) and related the net sediment transport rate to the Shields parameter by

$$\Phi = A(\tau - \tau_{cr}) \quad (2.2)$$

where  $\Phi = \frac{Q_s}{\rho g d}$  is the dimensionless transport rate,  $\tau$  is the bed shear stress,  $d$  the grain diameter,  $\tau_{cr} = \frac{\rho_s - \rho}{\rho} g d$  is the Shields parameter and  $\tau_{cr}$  is the critical value for the

actual sediment movement. Figure 2-3 shows the results of their relationship between net transport rate and Shields parameter.



Figure 2-2. Three types of beach profiles (Sumerston and Horsfield, 1974)

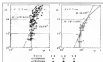


Figure 2-3. Relationship between net transport rate and Shields parameter (Horsfield et al., 1968)



Rajaratnam et al. (1982) classified the net transport rate into five types (Figure 3-4) based on their large wave flume data. They also proposed a model of beach profile change by assuming that the total on-offshore transport rate  $Q$  could be represented as the sum of three independent components of net sand transport rate

$$Q = Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3 \quad (3.7)$$

where  $Q_1$  = net offshore transport inside the surf zone caused by nonlinearity of the field motion under waves,  $Q_2$  = net offshore transport inside the surf zone caused by time-averaged seaward-directed currents, and  $Q_3$  = net onshore transport at the beach zone caused by wave run-up. The three components were each assumed to be Gaussian distributed.

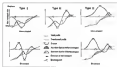


Figure 3-4: Types of net transport rate distributions (Rajaratnam et al., 1982)

Stearns and Murray (1977) used large wave flume experimental data to examine existing beach characteristics. They found the two signature distributions could be classified by dimensionless parameter  $K$  defined as

$$K = R_0^2 / L^2 \lambda \quad (3.8)$$

If  $K > 10$ , then more offshore, whereas deep more offshore if  $K < 10$ .

The time required for the attachment of steady state,  $t_a$ , or the length of current segment,  $l_a$ , was found to be described by

$$t_a^2/l_a^2 = 1.2 \sin^2 \left( \frac{M}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\alpha^2} \sin^2 \theta} \right) \quad (2.5)$$

where the parameter in the bracket is the square of the Weber number and indicates the breaker type. With increasing values of this parameter, the breaker type changes from plunging to spilling. The time variation of the hot spot location,  $X$ , was expressed by an exponential form as

$$X = X_0(1 - \exp(-\frac{t}{\tau}))^2 \quad (2.6)$$

where  $X_0$  is the equilibrium value of  $X$ ,  $\tau$  is a so-called equilibrium time scale. At  $t = \tau$ ,  $X$  reaches 63% of the total change  $X_0$ .  $\tau$  was found to be

$$\tau = 1.67 \times 10^{-4} \frac{R_0^{1/2}}{g^{1/2} \alpha^{1/2}} \quad (2.7)$$

Other experiments include the large wave tank (LWT) experiments in 1956-1957 and 1961 by Seriffe in Beltsville, Washington, D.C. (Krusa and Larson, 1981), Large Wave Flume in Huzhou, Germany (Dettl and Ullrich, 1987, Dettl et al., 1993), experiments in the Coastal Research Institute of Electric Power Industry in Japan (Suzumura and Murayama, 1987), SUPERTANK project in the large wave tank at the Otto Hinkelde Wave Research Laboratory, Oregon State University (Krusa and Seriffe, 1986), and LIP TID Delta Flume experiments (Jaworski and Bennett, 1995), etc. Some of the tests include regular waves, whereas others include both regular and irregular waves. They provide many useful data for later studies on the profile evolution process.

## 2.2 Numerical Modeling Studies

Some recent interesting reviews of recent short sediment transport models have been reported from different methods and viewpoints by Brooker-Holmgren et al. (1992), Kravitz (1993), and Schumann and Thorne (1995). Brooker-Holmgren et al. made an intercomparison of six different coastal profile models against measured profile evolutions from a large wave flume (under close storm conditions). Several classified transport formulas as sediment transport, shore stress related transport, energy dissipation related transport, energy dissipation related suspension and velocity related transport. Schumann and Thorne summarized the internationally developed transport models according to their theoretical basis and morphological verification data.

Generally, numerical models of profile evolution can be termed as "open loop" and "closed loop" (Denn, 1993; Denn and Dalrymple, 1992). An open loop model is not constrained to a fixed profile and the sediment transport is determined by sediment flux properties. Open loop models required detailed or idealized representations of the hydrodynamics and sediment transport processes. Closed loop models are characterized by the specification of a particular "target profile," to which the computed profile will converge if the forcing mechanisms are held constant indefinitely. Cross-shore transport is modeled by derivation of a beach profile from equilibrium. Open loop models are microscale oriented approaches, whereas closed loop models are more macroscale and use empirical relations based on laboratory and/or field data to provide reasonable solutions.

### 2.2.1 Closed Loop Models

#### 2.2.1.1 EBB/FL model

One of the first closed loop models developed was that of Kravitz (1962) and Kravitz and Denn (1981) (originally called EBB/ACH and later called EBB/SE) based on

the energy dissipation concept. The basic concept was that, for a uniform wind over wave-free profile, a uniform energy dissipation rate per unit volume resulted in the  $\delta\eta^N$  profile as an equilibrium beach. If the beach profile differed from this equilibrium shape, the dissipation rates across the surf zone would differ from the equilibrium value. The cross-shore sediment transport rate at any point in the surf zone,  $Q$ , was related to the difference between the actual and equilibrium levels of wave energy dissipation in the surf zone ( $D$  and  $D_0$ , respectively)

$$Q = E(D - D_0) \quad (2.8)$$

where  $E$  is a transport rate parameter found during calibration tests first based on the LRT data of Swrlie and later thereafter Elmer profile data (Kraus, 1984), resulting in a value of  $8.77 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^3/\text{N}$ . Using shallow water wave theory and assuming spring tides,  $D$  was determined as

$$D = \frac{3}{16} \rho g^{1/2} \gamma^2 h^{3/2} + \frac{\partial E}{\partial x} \quad (2.9)$$

where  $\gamma = 0.78$  is the friction value,  $\rho$  is density of sea water, and  $g$  is gravity. To obtain time-dependent profile evolution, an explicit double sweep method was employed to solve the transport equation and the conservation of sand equation

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \quad (2.10)$$

Both  $Q$  and  $\eta$  are defined as positive in the offshore direction and  $h$  is positive below the still water level. Offshore, sediment transport was assumed to be effectively limited at the break-point of the incoming waves. Later developments isolated the effects of wave run-up, dune accretion, and dune overwash in the swash boundary region (Kraus,

(1992). Figures 2-3 and 2-4 show examples of applications of the model for large-wave bank and field data, respectively.

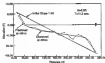


Figure 2-3 Comparison of EDUNE model results with large wave bank data by Gavrilin (Kriebel, 1986)

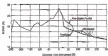


Figure 2-4 Comparison of EDUNE model results with a field profile affected by Hurricane Elena (Kriebel, 1986)

### 2.1.1.3 SBEACH model

Based on observations from large wave tank data (mainly from Kraus and Larson, 1988 and Kajima et al., 1982), Larson (1982) and Larson and Kraus (1989) developed a model called SBEACH to predict beach profile change resulting from cross-shore sand transport, primarily on the scale of morphologic features of bars and berms. Changes in the beach profile was assumed to be produced by breaking waves; therefore, the cross-shore transport rate was determined from the local wave, water level, and beach profile.

properties, and the conservation equations of sand in the cross-shore direction was solved to compute profile changes as a function of time.

This model included: wave models to calculate the wave height and other wave-related properties at grid points on a profile line. The wave height was determined by linear wave theory in regions of waterbreaking by assuming locally plane and parallel depth contours, and using the Dally, Dean and Dalrymple (1984) model in the surf zone. Based on the wave dissipation model of Dally et al., an equilibrium profile (Eq. 2.11) was determined,

$$y = \frac{h}{m} + \left( \frac{h}{A_0} \right)^{1.5} \quad (2.11)$$

where  $m$  is shoreline slope, the  $A_0$  value is different from the  $A$  value used in the actual equilibrium profile equation due to the additional beach slope dependence.

The distribution of transport rate across the surfzone area was calculated using different relationships in four domain zones (Figure 2-7).

- **Zone 1** The breaking zone, extending offshore from the breaking point.

The sediment transport rate was expressed as

$$Q = Q_{bp} \exp[-A_0(x - x_{bp})] \quad (2.12)$$

where  $Q_{bp}$  is the sediment transport at the break point,  $x_{bp}$  is the break point location,  $A_0$  is the spatial decay coefficient given by

$$A_0 = \begin{cases} 0.11 & \text{For Secondary Conditions} \\ 0.45 \frac{d_{50}}{H_b} x_{bp}^{-0.5} & \text{For Beach Conditions} \end{cases}$$

where  $d_{50}$  is the median grain size (in mm),  $H_b$  is the breaking wave height at  $x_{bp}$ , and the unit of  $A_0$  is  $m^{-1}$ .

- **Zone II:** Transition zone, from the break point to the plunge point.

The sediment transport was given by

$$Q = Q_{br} \exp(-k_2(x - x_{br})) \quad (2.13)$$

where  $Q_{br}$  is the transport rate at the plunge point located at  $x_{br}$ , the decay-coefficient  $k_2$  is approximately 0.28-0.29 of the value of  $k_1$ .

- **Zone III:** Ebb-tide zone, from the plunge point to the seaward limit of surf zone.

The sediment transport rate was derived and by

$$Q = c \left[ K_1 D - D_0 + \frac{c}{K_1} \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \right) \right] \quad \begin{aligned} D &= D_0 + \frac{c}{K_1} \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \right) \\ D &= D_0 - \frac{c}{K_1} \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

where  $c$  is transport rate coefficient for the slope-dependent term, and  $K_1$  is an empirical transport rate coefficient. This relationship was similar to that of EDNE model except for the last term which incorporates the effect of local slope.

- **Zone IV:** Swash zone, from the seaward limit zone limit to the run-up limit.

The transport equation was a linear function of offshore distance

$$Q = Q_{br} \frac{x - x_{br}}{x_m - x_{br}} \quad (2.15)$$

where the subscripts WL and RL denote landward end of surf zone and run-up limit, respectively. Eq. 2.11 resulted in a plane slope above the shoreline. The direction of transport rate at all four zones was determined according to Eq. 2.16

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{P_{L1}}{L_0} &= 0.0007 \left( \frac{H_0}{w_0} \right)^2 && \text{Offshore transport} \\ \frac{P_{L2}}{L_0} &= 0.0007 \left( \frac{H_0}{w_0} \right)^2 && \text{Onshore transport} \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

where  $H_0$  and  $L_0$  are the deep water wave height and length respectively,  $w$  is the sediment fall velocity and  $T$  is the wave period

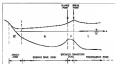


Figure 2-7. Principal zones of cross-shore transport (Larson and Kraus, 1996)

Larson, Wilson et al. (1996) modified the model to simulate cross-shore profile changes under random waves. A semi-analytic random wave model based on Dally et al. (1984) model was developed to predict the wave height, the location of breakers, sediment and sediment waves, and the wave energy dissipation cross-shore. Then the original integral equations were modified to represent transport under breaker and sub-breaker waves. An algorithm for data errors produced by overwash was also developed in this version. Later, Larson and Kraus (1998) included hard bottom effects into the model.

### 2.3.1.2 CROSBY model

Zhang (1996) and Zhang and Dean (1997) developed a semi-linear cross-shore model (CROSBY), which was a modification of the EBLNE model and based on scale analysis.

From Eq 2-6, the scaling relationship in Eq 2-7 can be established,

$$Q_s = \frac{(P - P_c)_{max}}{(Q - Q_c)_{max}} (Q - P_c) \quad (2-7)$$



in which the subscript  $i$  indicates  $i$  case of model to prototype values. For an undrained model, according to the definition of  $\bar{Q}$  (Eq. 2.19), the dimensionless scale ratio can be expressed in terms of the length scale ratio,  $L_p$ , as

$$(\bar{Q} - \bar{Q}_0) = L_p^2 \bar{K}_c \quad (2.26)$$

On the other hand, for Darcy relationship yields the same scale ratio,  $\bar{K}_c$ , as

$$\bar{K}_c = L_p^2 \bar{K}_s \quad (2.27)$$

From the relationships presented, the cross-slope undrained transport,  $\bar{Q}$ , should be scaled as

$$\bar{Q}_i = \frac{Q_i}{K_i} = L_p^2 \bar{K}_s \quad (2.28)$$

If  $\bar{K}$  is considered to be a constant, the scaling ratio of the Kozeny and Carman formulations can be shown to be

$$\bar{Q}_i = L_p^2 \bar{K} \quad (2.29)$$

which does not provide a valid scaling of the transport unless  $\bar{K}_s$  varies with scale. A transport rate equation was then proposed

$$\bar{Q} = K(\bar{Q} - \bar{Q}_0)(\bar{Q} - \bar{Q}_0)^{n-1} \quad (2.30)$$

which results in the following scale relationship

$$\bar{Q}_i = K_i (\bar{Q}_i - \bar{Q}_{0i}) (\bar{Q}_i - \bar{Q}_{0i})^{n-1} = K_i L_p^{2n} \quad (2.31)$$

$n = 3$  was determined by assuming  $\bar{K}_s$  independent of the length scale and equal unity such that both the scaling relationship and convergence to the equilibrium profile are satisfied. They argued that this relationship could provide a reasonable explanation for

the significantly different size scales of beach evolution evident in various laboratory experiments.

The model boundary conditions were fixed from the breaking point to run-up limit. To circumvent unrealistic slopes in the predicted profiles, three characteristic profile slopes (close, shoulder and offshore slopes) were specified in the model (Figure 2-4b). The close slope, which is defined as the averaged close-sweep slope after erosion, is the maximum slope that the profile is allowed to achieve. The shoulder slope is the unscraped profile slope between the shoulder and the run-up limit. The offshore slope is introduced to control the slope at the seaward end of the deposited volume. After each time step, if the profile is steeper than the limiting slopes, unbackwashing occurs and the profile is restricted to the prescribed slopes.

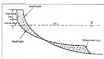


Figure 2-4: Relationship of close, shoulder and offshore slope (Chang, 1994)

CROSB provides much better agreement for some experiments, an example of which is shown in Figure 2-5, which presents a comparison with the data in the German large wave flume experiments from Dettl and Ullrich (1975). The consensus from Dean (1985) about this model is

The new transport relationship may represent profile recovery better than previous relationships employed. This is consistent with the slower transport associated with a profile only slightly out of equilibrium in accord with  $n=1$ .

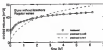


Figure 2-6: Comparison of linear ( $m-1$ ) and nonlinear ( $m-2$ ) transport rates with measured data in German large-wave Basin (Ding, 1996)

### 3.2.1.4 Katsagaki model

Katsagaki (1977) suggested a two-parameter sediment transport rate equation as following:

$$Q = D(h) \frac{dh}{dt} - K, \quad 0 \leq h \leq h_0 \quad (2.24)$$

where  $D$  and  $K$  are empirical functions and related to the wave conditions and sediment characteristics inside the surf zone. The suggested form of  $D$  and  $K$  by Katsagaki (1977) are

$$D(h) = \alpha h^{2n-1}, \quad K = \alpha h_0^{2n} \quad (2.25)$$

which provides steady-state solution,  $h = -K/\alpha = h_0^n$ , similar to the equilibrium beach profile by Dean (1977).  $\alpha$  and  $n$  are parameters related to the sediment size and  $h_0$  velocity. When  $n = 3/5$ , Eq. 2.24 becomes identical to that of Kriebel and Dean (1982).

Lee et al. (1996) used this formulation and developed a numerical model to simulate the near-shore profile evolution with moving boundaries. Further, Lee et al. (1999) extended this model to a multi-domain hybrid numerical model including the generation and movement of nearshore bars by breaking waves. Similar to the CHERCH model by Larson and Kraus (1989), the computation domain is divided into three

subdomains, including post-breaking zone, breaking zone and pre-breaking zone. In each region, different sediment transport rate equations were used.

In the post-breaking zone,

$$Q_b = D \frac{\partial \bar{h}}{\partial x} - E_{\text{sed}} - R_b(x) < 0 < L, x_p(x) \quad (2.26)$$

$$D = \pi \sqrt{h_p} \sqrt{u_*}, E_{\text{sed}} = \frac{2}{3} \omega d^{2.5} \quad (2.27)$$

where  $h_p$  and  $u_*$  are the water depth and distance from the origin to the plunge point,  $R_b(x)$  is the distance from the origin to the point  $h(x, t) = 0$ . In the breaking zone and pre-breaking zone, the sediment transport rates were assumed to have the following explicit expressions,

$$Q_b = q_b \exp(-\lambda_b(x - x_b)^2), \quad x_p \leq x \leq x_b \quad (2.28)$$

$$Q_b = q_p \exp(-\lambda_p(x - x_p)^2), \quad x_p \leq x \leq x_b \quad (2.29)$$

where  $q_b$  and  $q_p$  are area dependent amplitude functions for the respective sediment transport rates in breaking zone and pre-breaking zone. Eq. 2.28 is different from the exponential function used in SPM-NCM. This equation means that the sediment transport rate in breaking zone has a Gaussian distribution (Squires et al. 1983) which has a maximum value at a point in-between plunging and breaking point. The relationship between  $\lambda_b$  and  $\lambda_p$  was found to be

$$\lambda_b = \lambda_p^2 \quad (2.30)$$

The empirical formula for  $\lambda_p$  in the model was

$$\lambda_p = 2.75 \left( \frac{d}{R_p^2} \right)^{0.75} \quad (2.31)$$

The model was formed by the combination of numerical solutions (post breaking case I) and empirically based analytic solutions (breaking case II and pre-breaking case II). This model can straightforwardly be extended to multi-bar problems by systematically adding more subdomains. Figures 2-10 and 2-11 show comparisons of single-bar and multi-bar models with UWT experimental data (Liu and Lian, 1993).



Figure 2-10 Comparison of the averaged net radiation transport rates computed from the single-bar and multi-bar numerical models with CE Case 300 experimental data after 5 hours (measured profiles had two bars) (Liu et al., 1993)

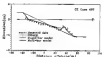


Figure 2-11 Comparison of the single-bar and multi-bar numerical models with S&S&CH and CE Case 400 data after 48 hours (Liu et al., 1993)

### 2.2.1.8 Analytical models

Two analytical or semi-analytical closed-loop models have been documented in the literature. Katsuyuki (1987) combined the conservation equations and the transport relationship in Eq. 2-24 with rate equation representing the profile response,

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( D \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} - E \right) + \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} \quad (2.12)$$

where  $D$  and  $E$  are defined in Eq 2.11. The landward and seaward limits of the domain were treated as moving boundaries and the moving shore line was represented as a virtual line. An analytical solution was determined for a particular initial condition. It was found that the problem is mathematically similar to a diffusion problem in which the concentration in the steady state problem first varies rapidly and later approaches the steady state solution asymptotically. The model results were found to approximate the numerical solutions of the ECOM model.

Knebel et al. (1991) and Knebel and Daux (1992) developed and illustrated a convolution method of representing beach profile evolution. The method is based on the observation from numerical solutions that for a constant forcing function, i.e., water level, a particular contour  $p(t)$  tends to approach the equilibrium value  $p_{eq}$  asymptotically in approximate accordance with the following relationship:

$$p(t) = p_{eq}(1 - e^{-t/T_c}) \quad (2.13)$$

in which  $T_c$  is the characteristic time scale of the exponential response. The solution is obtained in the form of a convolution integral of the response function and the water level history,  $\delta(t)$ ,

$$p(t) = \frac{p_{eq}}{T_c} \int_0^t \delta(\tau) \exp[-(t-\tau)/T_c] d\tau \quad (2.14)$$

The method was found to yield very similar results to those obtained through numerical modeling.

### 2.2.1 Open Loop Models

Open loop models usually relate cross-shore sediment transport to the detailed physics of the flow field such as sediment concentration, fluid velocity, and bottom shear stress, etc. Some of these models will be reviewed briefly here.

#### 2.2.1.1 Dally and Dean model

The Dally and Dean model (Dally, 1980; Dally and Dean, 1980) was based on net time averaged flux of suspended sediment past a station in the direction down given by

$$Q = \int_{z_b}^{\eta} u(x) C(x) dx \quad (2.36)$$

where  $u(x)$  = average horizontal velocity at level  $x$ , and  $C(x)$  = suspended sediment concentration at level  $x$ .

The flow regime was divided into an upper layer where only mean flow was considered and a lower layer where both mean flow and orbital velocity were taken into account. The interface between layers was determined by the relation of which the suspended sediment would fall back to the bottom in one wave period. Linear wave theory was used to predict orbital velocities and current function; wave theory had been applied to obtain second-order mean flow velocities. The cross-shore wave heights were obtained from the transfer theory model of Dally et al. (1984).

The suspended sediment concentration was considered to be represented as given by

$$C(x) = C_b \exp \left[ \frac{-1.5 \eta (z - z_b)^2}{k_s \rho \tau_b} \right] \quad (2.37)$$

where  $C_b$  is the concentration at an arbitrary reference elevation,  $z_b$ . The value of the sediment fall velocity,  $w$ , in the bottom shear velocity,  $\sqrt{\tau_b / \rho}$ , governed the exponential

surface of the profile. The shear velocity was assumed to be the sum of the shear velocities due to wave-induced bottom shear and breaking induced turbulence.

The continuity equation was then solved in an explicit finite difference scheme. However, to prevent numerical instability just outside the surf zone, dispersed transport spreading was applied. The model could produce both normal and storm profiles (Figure 2-12), however, the beach profile shapes were not very realistic quantitatively.

Barrett (1983) also presented his cross-shore transport model as the integral of the product of concentration and velocity over time and depth. The reference concentration was fixed from a one-dimensional, non-steady-state convection-diffusion equation. The reference concentration at the bed was assumed to be related to the breaking type and the dissipation of the turbulent kinetic energy. The cross-shore transport rate was calculated in two parts, that is, below and above the mean trough level. Above the trough level, concentration was constant and given by that at the mean water level.



Figure 2-12 Example output to illustrate characteristics of the Dally and Dean model. (Dally and Dean, 1983)



### 3.2.2.3 Hairs and Bouslogis model

A second widely used transport relationship in open-loop models is based on the energetic approach (originally due to Bagnold). The energetic approach is a sediment transport prediction method based on the idea that a proportion of fluid energy is expended in maintaining a sediment transport load. The method was originally developed for rivers (Hairs and later adapted for coastal purposes by Bouslogis and James (1982), Bouslogis (1984, 1987) and James (1986). The Bouslogis energetic transport relationship has been applied and adjusted by a number of investigators and incorporated into several profile-evolution models.

The Hairs and Bouslogis model (Bouslogis and Hairs, 1983, Hairs and Bouslogis, 1983) is an energetic type. An expanded version of Bouslogis's formulae given (1986) was adopted:

$$\begin{aligned} Q = & \rho C_b \frac{E_b}{\tan \beta} \left[ <|u'|^2| > + \frac{1}{2} |u_b'|^2 - \frac{\tan \beta}{\tan \phi} <|u'|^2 > \right] \\ & + \rho C_s \frac{E_b}{w} \left[ <|u'|^2| > + 4|u'|^2 > - \frac{E_b}{w} \tan \beta <|u'|^2 > \right] \end{aligned} \quad (2.34)$$

where  $C_b$  and  $C_s$  are bed and suspended load efficiency factors,  $C_b$  is a drag coefficient of the bed,  $\beta$  is the internal angle of friction of the sediment,  $\tan \beta$  is the bottom slope,  $u$ ,  $u'$ , and  $u''$  are the horizontal instantaneous velocity, mean velocity component, and time-varying velocity, respectively,  $u_b$  and  $w$  are the peak bed shear velocity and the sediment fall velocity, respectively, and  $\langle \rangle$  means time average over a time period. Sediment is advected as either bed or suspended load by (1) symmetrical channel resections, (2) mean flows, and (3) the down-slope component of gravity.

The model included a special treatment of the wave transition zone. The transition zone length,  $L_t$ , was calculated by a "length method"

$$L_t = 8.15 \text{ km} \cdot L_{w0} \ell^{-1.05} \quad (2.36)$$

where  $\ell = \frac{H_0}{(\sigma_{\text{br}} / L_{w0})^{0.5}}$  and  $\sigma_{\text{br}}$ ,  $L_{w0}$ ,  $H_0$  are respectively the bed slope, wave length and wave length at breaking.

After the transition zone length was given, an expression for the fraction of waves,  $\hat{Q}_b$ , in the breaking-induced turbulence region was determined as

$$\hat{Q}_b(x) = \hat{Q}_{b0}(x - \zeta_t) \quad (2.40)$$

where  $\hat{Q}_{b0}$  is the fraction of wave breaking in the surf zone predicted by a wave transformation model,  $x$  is the cross-shore coordinate. In the Plant and Lindgren model, fixed surface and mobile surface problems were also addressed. The model has been compared with both small scale and prototype laboratory data, and the rate and type (i.e. erosion/deposition, and bar migration) of beach response can be well estimated.

Plant et al. (2001) developed a simple parameter model for the cross-shore transport based on Longuet's model

$$Q = \frac{1}{2} \rho H^3 u^{*2} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} - \left( \gamma \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} \right) + \left( \gamma \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right) \right] \quad (2.41)$$

where  $\gamma$ ,  $\gamma_1$ , and  $\gamma_2$  are five parameters to be calibrated,  $H$  is the local wave height. The first term represents the wave energy flux, and the terms in brackets are a modification function representing the influence of downdrift transport, offshore transport due to weak wave nonlinearity (e.g. wave dispersion), and offshore transport due to strong nonlinearity (e.g. modulation).

### 3.3.1.3 Wenzelke model

Wenzelke (1983) presented a sediment transport rate equation related to local wave-current conditions and bottom shear stress. The total transport rate was the sum of contributions from mean current,  $Q_c$ , and waves,  $Q_w$ , which are expressed, respectively, by

$$Q_c = A_c \bar{u} - \tau_b \bar{u} / \rho g \quad (3-42)$$

$$Q_w = A_w F_w \bar{u} - \tau_b \bar{u}_w / \rho g \quad (3-43)$$

where  $A_c$  and  $A_w$  are two-dimensional coefficients,  $\bar{u}$  the current velocity vector,  $\bar{u}_w$  the maximum near bottom orbital velocity vector,  $F_w$  a direction function for wave-induced net transport,  $\tau_b$  the maximum bottom shear stress in a wave-current interacting system, and  $\tau_b$  the critical shear stress for the onset of the gravel movement.

These formulas are based on the wave power concept and assume that the sediment net movement for ocean floor areas under combined wave-current stress, are transported by both mean currents and wave motion into the respective directions. The coastal profile model WATAND developed by University of Liverpool (presented in Becker (Halgaard et al., 1982)) is based on the Wenzelke transport equations.

There are some other transport relationships such as the one developed by Hjulström and Iwanaga (1944), in which the transport rate was related explicitly to the Shields number and the Hjulström parameter, which represent the thickness of water particle velocity profile and the intensity of sediment movement, respectively. Carmona and Lamas (2002) compared four process-related sediment transport formulas with field and experimental data and gave some recommendations on the use of these different formulas.

Most open long profile change models include modeling of hydrodynamic processes to different degrees. The sediment transport calculations are related to the properties of sediment and flow field. Van Rijn et al. (2003) compared five major coastal profile change models developed in Europe. The five models are UNIBEST-TC of Delft Hydraulics, COMACB of ER, Wageningen, CROSMAC2000 of University of Utrecht, BEACH150 of University of Liverpool, and CERC of University of Guelph. The computed results from these models have been compared with long wave flume data and field data. Figures 3-13 and 3-14 show the calculated profile evolution and hydrodynamic results, respectively, with comparison to the measurements in one case from COMACB-Swims Experiment at 1D field site of Egmond, Netherlands. It is noted that for all five models, good fit for the profile although for calculated hydrodynamic are quite different. It seems that considerable uncertainty in the understanding of surf zone hydrodynamics and sediment transport processes still exists.



Figure 3-13 Computed bed profiles by UNIBEST-TC, COMACB, CROSMAC2000, BEACH150, and CERC with comparison to measured results (Van Rijn et al., 2003)

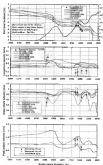


Figure 3-14. Comparison significant wave heights, longshore current velocities, cross-shore current velocities and peak orbital velocities by UNIBEST 2D, COSMO, CIRCUMORBIT, DELFT 3D, and CIRC with comparison to measured results (Van Rijn et al., 2000)

### 3.3 Summary

Various representations have been proposed for open loop models. Both natural and storm profiles can be generated by most of the open loop models. However, open loop models do not incorporate a strong feedback mechanism that will return equilibrium under wide ranges of conditions. Thus, it is not known whether or not these models are

stable for long run times. Due to the considerable complexities and uncertainties of hydrodynamics and sediment transport processes in the nearshore region, and the uncertainties in consequence, it appears that the open-loop models should be considered in the future rather than applications now.

The transport equation for the closed-loop models is chosen to ensure equilibration for fixed forcing conditions. These closed-loop models provide limited successful and interesting results and easy application to practical engineering problems. These models are relatively simple and do not require detailed calculations of hydrodynamics and sediment transport processes as in open-loop models. They are all based on equilibrium beach profile concepts and capture one of the dominant causes of sediment transport inside the surf zone, namely wave energy dissipation.

However, there are some limitations in these closed-loop models. (1) The grid system used is different. ECOMB and CROSS use a grid with  $x$  and  $t$  as the independent variables, while the BEACH and Lee et al. models use a grid with  $y$  and  $t$  as the independent variables. The disadvantage of the first type of grid system is that it has difficulties in representing bar profiles. (2) The transport direction in ECOMB and CROSS is determined as the relative magnitude of wave energy dissipation per unit volume to an equilibrium value; BEACH uses an empirical relationship to determine the transport direction along the whole profile, which can not produce an intermediate profile between fully-storm and accretion type I profile in both Figures 2-3 and 2-4). The other severe shortcoming of BEACH, as Dean (1998) pointed out, is that the transport direction empirical relationship used does not include any of the profile characteristics and that even if the profile is very steep, such as after beach nourishment and the wave

and sediment characteristics indicate efficient transport, the transport distances predicted by the model is unclear. (3) The equilibrium profile used in these models depends only on sediment size through the profile slope factor, which cannot explain the observed profile slope changes in nature. (4) The wave energy dissipation in EBC90 and CH90 is based on the spilling breaker assumption and thus cannot produce bar profiles. EBC90/CH adapts a more robust wave model in general, but deals with the transition zone on an empirical basis. (5) The transport in the weak zone, during overwash and at limit of terrace are either not included or not well described in previous models. (6) Another limitation is the transport and profile changes under random waves. To the author's knowledge, a representative wave height (usually root square-mean wave height or significant wave height) is used in these models except CH90 to simulate random waves.

The motivation of this study is to address the limitations present in existing models and develop a more physically-based cross-shore profile change model to better represent the cross-shore sediment transport processes inside the surf zone (such as bar formation, profile changes under random waves, etc.) which can be used in practical field applications.

## CHAPTER 3 CRASH-WAVE PROFILE EVOLUTION MODEL DEVELOPMENT

This chapter presents the crash-wave profile evolution model developed in conjunction with this dissertation. The proposed model extends the previous shock-wave models reviewed in Chapter 2 and incorporates other findings to improve the model capability to better represent natural conditions. The following states the questions to be addressed in this effort:

- What is the best representation of sediment transport rate in  

$$Q = K(D - D_c)^{1/3} \quad (3.1)$$
 $n = 1$  (as in KOLBE, KIRKACH) or  $n = 1/3$  (as in CHOCQUET) or other values?
- Different breaking waves (per long/plunging) dissipate their energy in different ways than cause different current patterns and different sediment transport. How should these effects be represented in large-scale numerical models?
- What is the best representation of the low-type profile generation mechanism? One promising and realistic approach is to log (or the logarithmic derivative) the wave energy dissipation per unit volume  $D$ .
- What is the best representation of different time scales of beach profile evolution depending on initial profile and wave conditions?
- What is the best representation of sediment transport under irregular waves?

In this chapter, the wave transformation models are introduced first to determine the wave energy dissipation under both regular and random waves. This is followed by investigation of various different equilibrium beach profile forms. A new empirical relationship based on large-scale experimental data is then presented to incorporate the wave effects on the profile scale parameter in the equilibrium/beach profile. Finally, the detailed development of the model and the numerical solution are described.



## 3.1 Wave Energy Transformation Models

Wave energy transformation is different for monochromatic and random waves. Random waves typically break across a much wider portion of the beach profile than monochromatic waves with the same average energy, producing a more evenly distributed near-shore energy dissipation. Thus they should be treated differently in the model.

### 3.1.1 Wave Breaker Type

Four different types of breaking waves have been identified, namely spilling, plunging, surging and collapsing. In general, spilling breakers tend to occur on beaches of very low slope with waves of high waveperiod values. Plunging breakers are associated with steeper beaches and waves of intermediate waveperiod, surging occurs on high gradient beaches with waves of low waveperiod, and collapsing breaker is intermediate between the plunging and surging. Galvin (1968) found fairly good breaker-type correlations with the well known Johnson number (also called surf similarity parameter)

$$J_o = \frac{H_o}{L_o} \sqrt{\frac{g}{k_s}} \quad (3.2)$$

where  $m$  is the beach slope,  $H_o$  and  $L_o$  are the deepwater wave height and wavelength, respectively. Boyer (1974), Okada and Sasagawa (1991), and Smith and Kraus (1991) recommended adjustments on the limits to classify different breaker types. Table 3-1 summarizes the breaker type classifications from different sources.

Table 3-1. Summary of Breaker type classification ranges.

Breaker type	Galvin (1968)	Boyer (1974)	Okada and Sasagawa (1991)	Smith and Kraus (1991)
Spilling	$J_o < 0.40$	$J_o < 0.3$	$J_o < 0.3$	$J_o < 0.4$
Plunging	$0.40 < J_o < 1.0$	$0.3 < J_o < 3.3$	$0.3 < J_o < 3.5$	$0.3 < J_o < 1.2$
Surging	$J_o > 3.3$	$J_o > 3.3$	$J_o > 3.7$	$J_o > 1.2$

Different breaker types develop in different manners inside the surf zone. On simply sloping reflective beaches, near wave break they immediately surge up the beach face as ramp, with little intervening surf. In contrast, on lower sloping dissipative to intermediate beaches, there can be an extensive surf area, at times being crossed by several broken wave forms while a few small waves have not yet broken. Plunging breakers characteristically dissipate their energy in a concentrated manner in the region just seaward of the breaker line, while spilling breakers dissipate their energy in a diffuse, more uniform way over a greater surf zone width. Through laboratory experiments, Ting and Kirby (1984, 1985, 1986) found that turbulent kinetic energy was transported seaward under the spilling breaker and landward under the plunging breaker by the mean flow. Ting and Kirby (1984) noted that

Nevertheless, in most situations there is a net offshore movement of sediment in spilling breakers and a net onshore movement in plunging breakers.

In order to test the plausibility of their argument, 14 cases of Large Wave Tank (LWT) (Dean and Larson, 1988) and 10 cases of CERC Flume (Kaplan et al., 1982) experiment data (all periodic waves) are investigated. Table 3-2 lists the test conditions for these experiments and Figure 3-1 shows the results. The criteria of average and extreme profile based on the fall velocity parameter  $R_{*b}/w^2$  and spilling/plunging breaker based on surf variability parameters are also shown in the plot.

These results show that the surf variability parameter alone cannot give a clear and correct classification of profile types, although the model is correct in 15 of 24 cases, whereas the fall velocity parameter discriminates correctly in 23 of 24 cases. The data in Figure 3-1 also demonstrate that an approximate inverse correlation exists between the surf variability parameter and the fall velocity parameter (as discussed by Dean, 1987).

Table 3-2. Conditions and results of LWT and CRMP1 Flume experiments

Case	Manhole diameter of road (mm)	road length slope	Wave height H (m)	Wave period T(s)	Depression Wave magnitude	
CR000	6-10	0/15	1.28	11.33	0-0014	
CR005			0.39	11.33	0-0023	
CR010			1.48	11.33	0-0070	
CR015			1.42	8.8	0-0051	
CR020			1.52	3.75	0-0750	
CR030			0.43	16.8	0-0001	
CR040			1.62	16.8	0-0028	
CR041			6-10	1.28	11.33	0-0014
CR041	0.39			11.33	0-0023	
CR041	1.48			11.33	0-0070	
CR041	1.42			8.8	0-0051	
CR041	1.52			3.75	0-0750	
CR041	1.62			16.8	0-0028	
CR041	0.76			3.75	0-0073	
CR041				1.24	7.67	0-0128
CRMP10-1	6-47		1/20	0.44	6.0	0-0003
CRMP10-2				1.65	9.6	0-0079
CRMP10-4				0.31	3.0	0-0007
CRMP12-1		1/200	1.89	4.0	0-0115	
CRMP12-2	0.48		3.0	0-0058		
CRMP12-3	0.66		3.1	0-0473		
CRMP13-1	0-27	1/20	1.47	9.1	0-0074	
CRMP13-2			1.05	4.0	0-0116	
CRMP13-3			0.31	12.0	0-0009	
CRMP13-4			0.34	3.1	0-0005	



Figure 3-1 Surf velocity parameter and surf velocity parameter versus beach erosion/accrual

### 3.1.1 Wave Transformation Models

#### 3.1.1.1 One-dimensional wave transformation models

In the ECOM2 and CHOS models, a constant ratio of breaker height to water depth ratio inside the surf zone (updrift breaker wavelength) was used, which is not applicable to non-stationary beach profiles such as those containing bar/trough features. For this reason, energy dissipation occurs only if  $(H_b/H_o) > 0$ .

One popular simple wave model in the surf zone is Dally, Dean and Dalrymple model (Dally et al., 1984, 1985). Hereafter, it will be referred as  $D^2$  model. Other wave models such as those based on Boussinesq equations are very time-consuming and not a good choice for very long time-profile evolution simulations. The governing equation of the  $D^2$  model is given in Eq. 3.1 and approximated in Eq. 3.3

$$\frac{\partial \zeta_s}{\partial t} = \frac{K}{h} \left[ \zeta_s^2 - \zeta_s \zeta_o \right] \quad (3.1)$$

where  $E C_0$  is energy flux,  $E_s C_s$  is the energy flux associated with the stable wave that the breaking wave is starting to show for the particular water depth, and  $K$  is a dimensionless decay coefficient. For computing  $K$ , the breaking wave height decreases linear and non-linear. Thus, choosing different  $K$  values in the  $2^d$  model may approximate different wave breaking types. The stable wave height,  $H_s$ , is given by

$$H_s = \Gamma h \quad (3.4)$$

where  $\Gamma$  is a dimensionless coefficient. Based on calibration with laboratory data, Dally et al. (1988) suggested  $\Gamma = 0.40$  and  $K = 0.18$  for applications. Dally et al. (1988) presented analytical solutions of the model for beaches of idealized shapes such as uniform depth, uniform slope and equilibrium beach profiles. Figure 3-2 shows an example of the model predicted breaker decay as compared to a laboratory measurement for plane beaches of 1/30, 1/50, 1/61 and 1/80 slopes. The results show that the model appears to provide a good approximation of breaking wave decay on plane beaches of laboratory scale. The line  $H = 0.14h$  is also plotted in the figure and appears to be a reasonable description of breaker decay only for the 1/30 slope. Figure 3-3 shows another example of the model prediction on a prototype scale bar-trough profile. The simulated wave reaches the stable state on in the deepest portion of the seaward trough, decreases in the inner bar until the deepest condition is again obtained, and then breaks continuously until the shoreline is reached.

### 3.1.2. Random wave models

There exist several random wave models, which can be classified into two groups: one group using a representative wave height with a wave height distribution assumption inside the surf zone, the other group using a wave-by-wave approach.

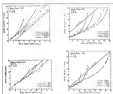


Figure 3-2 Comparison of  $EP$  model and  $IRT^*$  composite laboratory data for 1/20, 1/10, 1/5, and 1/4 beach slopes. Trend of  $(V_p/V_{p0})$  increases with increasing beach slope and increasing steepness condition (decreasing wave steepness) (Dally et al., 1985)

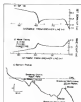


Figure 3-3 Test of  $EP$  model at prototype scale on large-wave beach profile ( $H = 1.68$  m,  $T = 2.72$  s). Wave breaks, uniform, steady, and breaks again (Dally et al., 1985)

Beji and Janssen (1988) first developed a wave energy dissipation model for random waves. The wave height distribution inside the surf zone was assumed to be a truncated Rayleigh distribution. The average wave energy dissipation was modeled as a law. The result of the Beji and Janssen model is

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{D} &= \frac{\pi}{4} Q_m \bar{Q} H_m^{-1} \\ \left( \frac{1 - Q_m}{H_m} - \left( \frac{Q_m}{H_m} \right)^2 \right) \cdot H_m &= 1.644^{-1} \tanh \left( \frac{dH_m}{2.18} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

where  $\bar{D}$  is the averaged wave energy dissipation,  $Q_m$  is the percentage of breaking waves,  $H_m$  is the root-mean-square wave height,  $H_m$  is a maximum possible wave height at water depth  $d$ ,  $f$  is the mean wave frequency,  $k$  is the wave number,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are two empirical parameters. Later, on the basis of the idea of Beji and Janssen but with different wave height distribution assumptions, Thornton and Guo (1983), Church and Thomas (1987), Balch et al. (1988), etc. have developed other random wave models.

In the above-mentioned models, a narrow banded wave spectrum and a form of the wave height distribution inside the surf zone was assumed. However, in nature, the wave spectrum is not always narrow banded and the wave height distribution is very complex, especially inside the surf zone. One method to overcome this problem is the wave-by-wave approach (Jensen and Jørgensen, 1982; Dally and Dean, 1986; Dally, 1992; Larson and Ryan, 1993; Cheng, 1996; Kuriyama and Nakabetsu, 2000).

In the wave-by-wave method, the random wave field is represented by the collection of a set of individual regular waves. The major assumption inherent in this

approach is that identifying and tracking sea ice affected by wave-wave interaction. At any location, the probability distribution in wave height can be determined from the predicted lengths of the individual waves, and wave statistics such as root-mean-square height are easily calculated. The wave-by-wave approach has been verified with laboratory and field data (Tully, 1982) and applied to model the underway and longshore currents (Larson and Kraus, 1982; Karyanas and Nalimskova, 1988).

Larson (1984) developed an alternative random wave model that required transformation of only one representative wave height without making any assumptions about the full set of wave heights. Larson (1985) showed that the model results were in reasonable agreement with the wave-by-wave approach.

The wave-by-wave approach is believed to be more similar to natural processes and is incorporated into the wave-current transport model to simulate the underway transport processes under random waves. A wave spectrum in the offshore boundary needs to be provided to begin the calculation. If no real time series data exist, the joint distributions of wave period and height developed by Langdon-Higgins (1982) can be applied to generate wave height and period series in the near domain.

$$p(H, T) = G(\eta) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{H'}{r} \cdot \exp(-H'^2) \left[ 1 + G \left( -\frac{1}{r} \cdot \frac{1}{r'} \cdot \frac{1}{r'} \right) \right] \quad (2.6)$$

where  $H'$  and  $r'$  are normalized wave height and wave period, respectively,

$$H' = \frac{H}{1.67\sqrt{m_2}}, \quad r' = T \frac{m_1}{2\pi m_2} \quad (2.7)$$

$m_k$  denotes the  $k$ th moment of the spectral density.  $r$  is the band width parameter determined by the first three moments of the spectrum.



$$v = \left( \frac{2\pi\sigma^2}{\lambda^2} - 1 \right)^{1/2} \quad (3.8)$$

$$\text{and} \quad L(v) = \left[ \frac{2}{3} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+v^2}} \right) \right]^{3/2} \quad (3.9)$$

The marginal probability density of wave height  $H$  can be derived as

$$p(H) = \int_0^\infty p(H, r) dr = L(v) f + v f'(H) \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)^{1/2} \exp(-v^2) \quad (3.10)$$

where  $v f'(H) = \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)^{1/2} \int_0^\infty \exp(-r^2) dr$  is the error function. If  $v \rightarrow 0$ , Eq. (3.10) is the

Rayleigh-distribution for  $H$ . For large waves and small  $v$  values, such as shown in

Figure 3-4, the distribution of  $H$  can be approximated by the Rayleigh distribution.

Therefore, the cumulative probability of the wave height becomes

$$P(H) = 1 - \exp(-H^2) \quad (3.11)$$

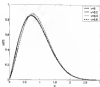


Figure 3-4. The pdf of wave height  $H$  compared with the Rayleigh distribution (reproduced from Chang, 1998)

The distribution of wave period at fixed values of the wave height  $H$  is found by dividing Eq (2.7) by Eq (2.10). Integrating with respect to  $r$  and approximating the error function  $\operatorname{erf}(x)$  with  $\tanh(2/3x)$ , the conditional probability of wave period is given by

$$P(r|H) = \frac{1 + \tanh\left[\frac{1.28}{r}\left(3 - \frac{1}{r}\right)\right]}{1 + \tanh\left[\frac{1.28}{r}\right]} \quad (2.12)$$

To simulate a random wave condition, a random number  $P_1$ , uniformly distributed between 0 and 1 is generated first. A random wave height,  $H_1$ , is obtained from Eq (2.10) as

$$H_1 = \sqrt{(-\ln P_1) - P_1^2} \quad (2.13)$$

Then a second random number  $P_2$  is generated, and the corresponding wave period,  $r_1$ , is calculated from Eq (2.12)

$$r_1 = \left[ 1 - \frac{r}{2 + 4r} \ln \left[ \frac{P_2 \left( 1 + \tanh \frac{1.28}{r} \right)}{1 - P_2 \left( 1 + \tanh \frac{1.28}{r} \right)} \right] \right]^{-1} \quad (2.14)$$

The dominant wave height and wave period can then be determined from Eq (2.7)

Zhang (1993) compared the numerical results with Longuet-Higgins's joint density distributions for both narrow ( $\nu = 0.1$ ) band and wide band ( $\nu = 0.1$ ) spectra, and found very good agreement in both cases (Figure 2-3)

### 2.1.3 Roller Models

When waves break, it has been found that the wave energy dissipation does not occur immediately at the initial breaking point but at some distance landward of the breaking point (Dromann, 1980). It is rather this distance that the decay of regenerated



released at breaking is first transferred to the energy of a roller, which rolls on the wave front with the phase speed of the waves. The difference in velocity between the roller and the water particles at the wave front causes a shear stress between the roller and underlying wave front. The work done by the shear stress equals the dissipation of roller energy. The time needed for the organized wave energy to dissipate through the roller causes a spatial lag between the location of wave breaking and the actual dissipation (Naim *et al.*, 1994).

The time-averaged energy balance equation that contains contributions from both the organized wave motion and the roller, is expressed as (Naim *et al.*, 1994; Gully and Swenson, 1992)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} E C_r + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} E_r C = \epsilon, \quad (3.15)$$

where  $E C_r$  and  $E_r C$  are the energy fluxes associated with the organized wave motion and the roller, respectively;  $E_r$  and  $\epsilon$  are the energy and energy dissipation rate of the roller, respectively. Equation (3.15-6) expressed the roller energy per unit surface area in terms of the roller cross-section area  $A_r$

$$E_r = \rho A_r C_r^3 / \Delta k = \rho A_r C_r^3 / \Delta x \quad (3.16)$$

The roller energy dissipation rate,  $\epsilon$ , is modeled as the work performed by the shear stress  $\tau_s$  between the roller and the organized wave motion.

$$\epsilon_s = \tau_s C \quad (3.17)$$

Following Naim *et al.* (1994), the shear stress is deduced by equating the vertical force balance on the roller, which leads to

$$r_{\text{ref}} = 2R \frac{d}{d^2} \cos \beta \quad (2.13)$$

where  $\beta$  is the angle of the wave-reflection vector. Lippmann et al. (1984) showed that the model is insensitive to values of  $\beta > 10^\circ$ .

Several formulations for the roller area,  $A_r$ , have been proposed. Bretherton (1980) related the roller area to the local wave height by

$$A_r = 0.5A^2 \quad (2.14)$$

Dagnaud et al. (1981) assumed the roller was similar in size to the wetted region of a steady, fully developed hydraulic jump and modified the roller area according to

$$A_r = \frac{M^2}{4.44 \cos \beta} \quad (2.15)$$

It is applied in the transition region, because of the dependence on wave height there is no shift in the position of the maximum wave energy dissipation. In attempting to model the shift, Chapanov et al. (1983) adopted the model

$$A_r = \alpha \beta L \quad (2.16)$$

in which  $L$  is the local wave length,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are exponentially-provided factors that depend upon position in the wet and runs. The peak in wave energy dissipation was defined (achieved) by increasing  $\alpha$  linearly from zero at the breakpoint to a maximum value at the observed end of the transition region and then back to zero at the shoreline. However, this method requires a priori knowledge of the extent of the transition region.

Dally and Turner (1990) proposed a different approach to determine the roller area. In their model, the roller area is not known a priori, but obtained by solving Eq. 2.11 directly by knowing the wave heights using measured data or from wave transformation

models. Figure 3-6 shows the calculated roller area using this method is compared with the models of Inoué and Dequand et al. The shift between the breakpoint and the location where the roller becomes fully developed is obvious in this new method.

The momentum equation including roller contribution is

$$\frac{\partial S_{\text{total}}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial S_{\text{roll}}}{\partial x} = -\rho g S_f + \rho g \frac{\partial S}{\partial x} \quad (3.11)$$

where  $S_{\text{total}} = \frac{\rho}{2} L^3$ ,  $S_{\text{roll}} = \omega L^3$ ,  $\omega = \rho g \frac{\partial S}{\partial x}$  (3.12)

This equation is used to predict the wave setup/down in the model.

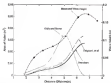


Figure 3-6 Roller area prediction (prepared from Gully and Brown, 1999)

### 3.2 Equilibrium Beach Profile

The equilibrium beach profile theory developed by Dean (1977) is based on uniform wave energy dissipation per unit water volume,  $D_u$ , for a given sediment size inside the surf zone

$$\frac{\partial D^2}{\partial x} = \omega D_u \quad (3.24)$$

where  $\gamma$  is forced oscillation, and  $h$  is the still water depth. Thus, different energy dissipation representations may result in different equilibrium beach profiles. The shallow water linear wave theory is used in this investigation.

### 3.1.1 EBF under Spilling Breaker Assumption

The spilling breaker assumption, which has been used in EDUNB and CHCS, and many other studies, is that the wave height to water depth ratio inside the surf zone are constant (usually taken as 0.78),  $H = \gamma h$ . Substituting this definition into Eq. 3.24 yields

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{x} \gamma^2 h^2 x^2 \sqrt{gh} \right) = 4\Omega, \quad (3.25)$$

Integrating for  $h$ , the relationship between  $h$  and  $x$  is obtained

$$h = \left( \frac{24\Omega}{4\gamma^2 \sqrt{g} x^2} \right)^{1/3} x^{2/3} = \alpha x^{2/3} \quad (3.26)$$

which is the equilibrium profile form in Eq. 1.1. Here the profile scale factor,  $\alpha$ , depends only on the given size, and later it will be modified to include wave effects.

### 3.2 EBF Using $Q^2$ Model

Lawson (1997) replaced the spilling breaker assumption with the  $Q^2$  model (Eq. 1.9) to obtain a modified EBF form (Eq. 1.10). Equating Eq. 1.9 to Eq. 3.21 and solving for  $h$  yields

$$h = \left( \frac{4\Omega^2 Q}{\gamma^2 \sqrt{gh}} + \Gamma^2 \gamma^2 \right)^{1/3} \quad (3.27)$$

Substituting Eq. 3.27 back into Eq. 3.24 leads to Eq. 1.18, which can be rewritten as

$$x = \frac{2}{K} h + \left( \frac{\Gamma^2}{\gamma^2} \right) \left( \frac{4\gamma^2 \sqrt{gh} \Gamma^2}{24\Omega} \right) h^{3/2} = \frac{2}{K} h + \left( \frac{\Gamma^4}{\gamma^2} \right) \left( \frac{h}{A} \right)^{1/2} \quad (3.28)$$

This relationship includes a linear term that preserves the infinite slope in the remainder in Eq. 3.26 and a reduction coefficient  $\{T^{-1}/T^{\infty} < 1\}$  that results in a steeper EEP slope of the same profile-scale parameter,  $A_0$ , as used in in Eq. 3.26.

### 3.2.3 EEP Using Euler Model

In the above derivation of EEPs, the energy dissipation lag discussed in Section 3.1.3 was included. In the following, the same procedure as Lenton (1993) is applied to determine the EEP shape using the surface roller model of Dally and Brown.

From Eq. 3.18 (where  $\beta_0$  is used to replace  $\sin \beta^*$ ), equating the roller energy dissipation to Dean's constant energy dissipation per unit volume yields

$$\Delta D_r = \rho g D_0 \frac{A_0}{T} \quad (3.29)$$

solving for  $A_0$

$$A_0 = \frac{\Delta D_r T}{\rho g D_0} \quad (3.30)$$

As the first step, the spilling breaker assumption is used to calculate wave energy dissipation inside the surf zone. Substituting all into Eq. 3.15 yields

$$\Delta D_r = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{8} \rho g U^2 h^2 \sqrt{\frac{h}{d}} \right) + \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{8} \frac{h^3}{\beta_0} \frac{dh}{dx} \right) \quad (3.31)$$

Integrating for  $h$ , a similar EEP form to Eq. 3.16 can be obtained

$$T = \left( \frac{5 \rho g \sqrt{U^2 T^3}}{24 \Delta D_r} \right) h^{3/2} + \frac{1}{\beta_0} d + \left( \frac{h}{d} \right)^{3/2} + \frac{1}{\beta_0} d \quad (3.32)$$

Figure 3-8 presents the resulting EEP with comparisons to Eqs. 3.26 and 3.28. It shows that all are nonconcave profiles.



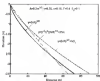


Figure 3-2. Comparison of IWP under different wave transformation models

However, if another wave model such as the  $D^2$  model is used, the wave height to water depth ratio is no longer a constant. Instead, it varies along the profile inside the surf zone. Thus, it is very difficult to obtain an analytical solution for the IWP. If the  $D^2$  model is used, letting  $\gamma_w(x) = H/h$ , we have

$$\Delta \mathcal{H}_s = \frac{K}{h} \sqrt{g} \left( \frac{H}{h} \right)^2 \left( \frac{H}{h} \right)^{1/2} + \frac{D_2}{2\beta_2} \frac{dH^2}{dx} \quad (3.13)$$

Rearranging Eq.3.13 yields

$$\frac{dH}{dx} = \beta_2 \left( 1 + \frac{\Delta \mathcal{H}_s}{\Delta \mathcal{H}_s^0} \left( \frac{H^2 - H_0^2}{r^2} \right) \beta^{1/2} \right) \quad (3.14)$$

If the distribution of the wave height to water depth ratio inside the surf zone,  $\gamma_w(x)$ , is known when the profile reaches equilibrium, the actual IWP slope can be found from Eq.3.14 by numerical integration. A hypothetical example is investigated: initial profile slope 1/13, wave height  $H = 1.65$  m with 11.31 s period and 4.37 m water depth; the profile scale factor  $A = 2.2 \text{ m}^{1/3}$ . Because the distribution of  $\gamma_w(x)$  is not known, an

ports, the developed cross-shore profile model is applied to obtain the final profile and  $r_1(x)$ . The equilibrium profile is then calculated by substituting  $r_1(x)$  into Eq.3.34 and integrating numerically. Figure 3-1 shows the initial and predicted profiles, and Figure 3-9 shows the predicted water height in water depth ratio and the profile calculated by Eq.3.34. A non-erosive profile is observed.



Figure 3-1: Initial and predicted profile for the hypothesis example



Figure 3-9: Predicted H/Ls ratio and calculated EOP from Eq.3.11

### 3.2.3 Reevaluation of the Profile Scale Factor

In the above equilibrium beach profile forms, the profile scale factor  $A$  was assumed to be only a function of either grain diameter or its equivalent fall velocity. Mottet-(1982) examined numerous profiles to quantify the relationship between  $A$  and the effective diameter of the sediments across the surf zone. Later, Dean (1983) transformed Mottet's relationship of  $A$  versus diameter to  $A$  versus fall velocity

$$A = 0.042u_{*e}^{0.66} \quad (3.37)$$

Table 3-3 lists the recommended  $A$  values versus the median sediment size (produced from Dean and Dalrymple, 2002)

Table 3.3. Recommended  $A$  values ( $m^{-1/3}$ ) (after Dean and Dalrymple, 2002)

$D_{50}(mm)$	0.05	0.07	0.09	0.10	0.20	0.25	0.30	0.35	0.40	0.50
0.1	0.063	0.067	0.071	0.075	0.080	0.084	0.087	0.090	0.094	0.097
0.2	0.108	0.105	0.106	0.108	0.112	0.115	0.117	0.119	0.120	0.123
0.3	0.129	0.127	0.129	0.131	0.134	0.136	0.137	0.139	0.140	0.143
0.4	0.145	0.142	0.144	0.146	0.151	0.153	0.155	0.156	0.158	0.160
0.5	0.160	0.157	0.161	0.163	0.166	0.167	0.168	0.169	0.170	0.172
0.6	0.175	0.173	0.175	0.177	0.179	0.179	0.180	0.181	0.182	0.184
0.7	0.183	0.181	0.183	0.185	0.187	0.188	0.189	0.190	0.191	0.193
0.8	0.194	0.192	0.194	0.196	0.197	0.198	0.199	0.200	0.200	0.201
0.9	0.202	0.200	0.201	0.203	0.204	0.205	0.205	0.206	0.206	0.207
1.0	0.209	0.207	0.209	0.211	0.212	0.213	0.214	0.215	0.215	0.217

A limitation to the above relationship is that wave conditions are not included.

Thus, this representative-erosion depicts one phenomenon that occurs in natural beaches; the profiles are of similar shape in the winter, compared to the summer conditions associated with smaller and less steep waves. The fall-velocity parameter includes information of both sediment size and wave conditions. The hypothesis tested here is that there exists a relationship between the profile scale factor  $A$  and the fall velocity parameter  $M_{*f}/\gamma_{sed}$ .

$$d = f_0 S_0 (1 - F) \frac{R_0}{u^*} \quad (3.18)$$

where the first term is determined from Table 3-3, and the second term is a modification term which is a function of the fall velocity parameter. To investigate this modification function, the large-scale wave data experimental data from LNT (Kane and Larson, 1984), CRIPI (Larson and Kane, 1985), LWTM93 (Duke et al., 1994) and LPI03 (Bastien and Larson, 1998) are analyzed. The detailed description of these experiments are included in the following chapter for model calibration and verification purposes. Among them, LNT and CRIPI used monochromatic waves, while the experiments in LWTM93 and LPI03 were conducted with random waves.

The analysis procedure is as follows: first using the  $D^2$  model or from the measurements, determine the breakpoint and the corresponding breaking wave height (significant wave height are used in the case of random wave conditions) on the field measured profiles; then, applying the least-square method from the sheltered points up to the breakpoint positions, determine the best-fit  $k$  values by assuming that the field profiles are in equilibrium (although some of them may not be). Figure 3-18 shows one example from CRIPI in the LNT experiments. A plot of the fall velocity parameter and the ratio of the best-fit  $k$  values to the recommended values in Table 3-3 are presented in Figure 3-14.

Upon further investigation of the experimental data, the following are believed to be partially responsible for a single portion of the scatter: (1) there may be an effect the initial slope on the final equilibrium profiles, the initial slope ranges from 1/30 to 1/10; (2) some profiles have not reached equilibrium, particularly those lower data points on the left in Figure 3-17, because these waves all have initial mild slopes under small waves

criteria and the test functions are shown (the inner scale of profile sections is much longer than shown), (7) the final profiles have multiple humps and a wide trough (backward of the primary bar maxima such as CERN, CERN, CERNP3-4, CERNP4-5 and CERNP6-7. As a change is made to fit these profiles just to the second humphead near the river bars, with better results than the original (Figure 3-12). Figure 3-13 shows an example of the adjustment in CERN.



Figure 3-12 Depth (m) vs. distance (m) for CERN. The  $R$  value based on Table 3-2 is 0.106.



Figure 3-13 Relationship between the fall velocity parameter and the ratio of the hump ( $R$  values to the recommended  $R$  values).



Figure 3-12 Modified relationship between the full velocity parameter and the ratio of the best fit  $A$  values to the recommended  $A$  values



Figure 3-13 Modified best-fit equilibrium profile for CE508. The  $A$  value based on Table 3-2 is  $3.646 \times 10^{-4}$ .

Figure 3-14 shows the relationship based only on the LRT profiles (all recommended) with an initial slope of 1/10) and most of the final profiles in this experiment had almost achieved equilibrium. As Figure 3-14 discusses, a reasonably fit to the data is

$$P\left(\frac{M}{\rho \Delta T}\right) = 0.043 + 1.406 \left( \frac{M}{\rho \Delta T} \right)^{1/2} \quad (3-22)$$

This equation will be included in the model to modify the profile factor,  $A$ , as the determination of an item wave energy dissipation per unit volume,  $D$ . Of special interest, seasonal profile changes can be interpreted using Eq. 3.17. From which in summer, the  $A$  value becomes larger with the fall velocity parameter decreasing, thus the profile becomes steeper in summer and the shoreline advances seaward.



Figure 3.14. Best-fit equation for modification function  $F$ , LWT data only

### 3.3 Cross-Shore Profile Evolution Model

As discussed in Dean and Dalrymple (1982), an equilibrium profile represents a balance of destructive and constructive forces acting on the beach. Of these forces recognized, the dominant destructive force along the surf zone is the high turbulence level caused by wave breaking. The transport models based on wave energy dissipation and equilibrium beach profile concepts, such as ETRMEL, SILLACH and CROSSL capture this theme. Although these models lack detailed descriptions of the physical processes related to sediment transport, they have yielded reasonable, useful and encouraging results, particularly for storm wave conditions which cause beach and dune erosion.

Thus, the model developed in this research uses the same strategy with some modifications made based on recent and additional analysis.

### 3.2.1 Global Conservation of Transport Rate Exponents

In the transport rate relationship (Eq. 2.1), two different exponent ( $\alpha$ ) values have been used:  $\alpha = 1$  (EPNF and SWEACT), and  $\alpha = 0$  (CHOLD). The experimental data from LWT (Kraus and Larson, 1988) are examined to investigate this relationship.

In the case of  $\alpha = 1$ , Eq. 2.1 can be integrated from the shoreline position,  $x_s$  (where the wave energy is assumed to be close to zero) to the wave breaking point,  $x_b$  (assuming no wave energy dissipation outside the surf zone),

$$\int_{x_s}^{x_b} Q dx = E \int_{x_s}^{x_b} (H_0 - H) dx \quad (3.38)$$

This leads to Eq. 3.39, the relationship between the total wave energy entering the surf zone and the total sediment transport (determined from the profile measurements)

$$\bar{Q} = E \left[ \frac{\partial C_b}{\partial x} \Delta x - C_b \right] \quad (3.39)$$

where

$$A = \int_{x_s}^{x_b} dx \quad \bar{Q} = \int_{x_s}^{x_b} Q dx / A \quad (3.40)$$

Figure 3-18 shows the results for cases EPNF, CHOLD and CHOLD, where the calculation has been carried out at the times the measured profiles are available. However, for  $\alpha = 1$ , direct integration is impossible unless the distribution of wave energy dissipation is known. Thus, the  $\Omega^2$  model is applied to predict the wave energy transformation within the surf zone. Eq. 2.1 is then integrated numerically. The results are presented in Figures 3-16 and 3-17 for  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\alpha = 0$ , respectively.



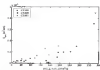


Figure 3-15 Investigation of transport relationship, Eq. 3.3, for  $n = 1$ .

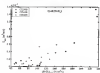


Figure 3-16 Transport rates versus energy dissipation,  $n = 1$ ,  $D^2$  model

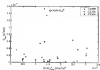


Figure 3-17 Transport rates versus energy dissipation,  $n = 1$ ,  $D^3$  model

From the above comparison,  $\alpha = 1$  appears to be the better representation of the relationship between transport rates and wave energy dissipation. However, from physical considerations,  $\alpha = 3$  is considered to be consistent with both flume results and the full velocity parameter matching similarity criteria (Zhang, 1996; Zhang and Dean, 1997). Some discrepancies may be due to the uncertainty of modeling wave energy dissipation and determination of transport rates from measured profiles. Thus, both of these two  $\alpha$  values are included in the model for further investigation.

### 3.3.2 Transport Rates

A modified Eq. 3.1 that includes the gravity effect is used to obtain the transport rates under the real case:

$$Q = E(D - D_0) + \alpha \frac{dE}{dD} (D - D_0) + \alpha \frac{dE}{dD} D^2 \quad (3.4)$$

where  $\alpha$  is a gravity coefficient, which equals to  $D_0$  for according to Dean (1990), or is the beach face slope. Three different wave energy dissipation models have been examined and compared in Section 3.2: spilling/boiling surges,  $D^2$  model and roller model. The first two models cannot treat the transition zone properly and the resulting equilibrium profiles are non-realistic. In the program SBEACH, the transport rates in the transition zone are considered to decay exponentially from the plunging point to the break point. In contrast, Lee et al. (1996) assumed a Gaussian distribution in that regime. On the other hand, the roller model, especially the formula of Dally and Turner (1984), can directly account for the log of energy dissipation and a non-monotonic equilibrium profile can be reached. Thus, the  $D^2$  model coupled with the roller model of Dally and Turner (1984) is chosen for the present study to predict the wave height transformation and energy dissipation under the real case.

### 3.3.3 Numerical Modeling Process

#### 3.3.3.1 Grid system

Two types of grid representations of the physical domain have been used for cross-shore numerical modeling as shown in Figure 3-18. In the first type shown in Figure 3-18(A), the cells are finite increments of the distance variable  $y$ , whereas in the second type shown in Figure 3-18(B) the computational cells are formed by finite increments of the depth variable,  $h$ . The advantage of the first type is that it can easily represent bar profiles, that is, as shown in the present model with staggered representations such that the depth,  $h$ , is located at the center of each cell and the transport,  $Q$ , is at the grid boundaries.  $H$  and  $C_d$  are at the  $Q$ -points, while  $D$  is at the  $h$ -points. The cross-shore coordinate,  $x$ , is directed offshore, thus positive  $Q$  indicates offshore transport.

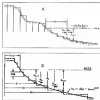


Figure 3-18. Two types of grids employed in numerical modeling of cross-shore sediment transport and profile evolution. (A) Grid with  $y$  and  $h$  as the independent variables and  $h$  dependent. (B) Grid with  $h$  and  $t$  as the independent variables and  $p$  dependent.

### 3.3.1.1 Governing equations

The governing equations in the model are listed below for convenient reference.

- $D^2$  Model

$$\frac{\partial EC_x}{\partial t} = \frac{E}{h + q} [EC_x - EC_{x+1}] \quad (3.42)$$

- Dally and Bowen's rubber model

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} EC_x + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} EC_x C &= 0, \\ EC_x C &= \frac{1}{2} EC^{*2} \frac{\Delta x}{T}, \quad c_x = EC \frac{\Delta x}{T} \end{aligned} \quad (3.43)$$

- Momentum equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial E_{x+1}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial E_{x+1}}{\partial x} &= -\mu_{eff} \frac{\partial E}{\partial x} \\ E_{x+1} &= \frac{1}{2} E, \quad E_{x+1} = 2E, \quad -EC \frac{\Delta x}{T} \end{aligned} \quad (3.44)$$

- Transport model

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( C - D_1 + \alpha \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \right) \left( C - D_1 + \alpha \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \right)^2 \quad (3.45)$$

- Continuity equation

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \quad (3.46)$$

where  $h$  includes wave setup/setdown, which is calculated by iteration.

### 3.3.1.2 Numerical solution scheme

There are two types of numerical solutions available: the 'explicit' and 'implicit' methods. The explicit method solves the transport and continuity equations sequentially whereas the implicit method solves these two equations simultaneously. The primary advantage of the explicit method is simplicity in formulation and programming, and also the ease of incorporating different transport rate formulations; however, in order to avoid numerical instabilities, very small time steps can be required. The implicit method

allows much larger time steps while maintaining the solution stable. The explicit scheme is employed to solve the governing equations in the present model. The finite difference equations for each module are presented below. In these equations, the index  $i$  used to denote the number of a specific grid point and modulus efficiency. Lower wave theory and shallow water assumptions are applied to calculate wave related quantities.

For the wave module, the numerical calculations start at the seaward end of the grid and proceed ashore. Wave setup is included in the wave depth as an unknown, thus an iteration procedure is needed until the wave setup calculations meet certain accuracy criteria. From a specific  $i$  point to the next, Eq. 3.42 to 3.44 are solved numerically one after another. The difference equations for Eq. 3.42 is

$$\frac{1}{\Delta t} (EC_{x,1} - (EC_{x,1})_0) + \frac{E}{\Delta t} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (EC_{x,1})_{\text{new}} + (EC_{x,1})_0 - G(E_{x,1}) \right] \quad (3.42)$$

$$\text{where} \quad (EC_{x,1})_0 = \frac{1}{2} \rho g \left[ C_{d,1} \right] \frac{C_{d,1} + C_{d,2}}{2} \quad (3.43)$$

and  $\Delta t$  is the space step. From Eq. 3.42, the energy flux at point  $i$  is,

$$EC_{x,1} = \frac{1}{1 + E_1} \left[ (EC_{x,1})_0 - E_1 + E_1 (EC_{x,1}) \right] \quad (3.44)$$

$$\text{with} \quad E_1 = \frac{E \Delta t}{2 \Delta x} \quad (3.45)$$

After the energy flux has been calculated, the corresponding wave height is determined as

$$H_1 = \left[ \frac{8 (EC_{x,1})}{\rho g C_{d,1}} \right]^{1/2} \quad (3.46)$$

The difference equations for the roller model [Eq. 3.45] is calculated to determine the roller sizes,

$$\frac{(EC_{\text{eff}})_{n+1} - (EC_{\text{eff}})_n}{\Delta t} + k_1 (A_1 C^{\text{eff}})_{n+1} - (A_1 C^{\text{eff}})_n = k_1 (A_{\text{loss}} + A_1) \quad (3.32)$$

$$\text{where} \quad k_1 = \frac{\rho}{2T\Delta t}, \quad k_2 = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial T} \quad (3.33)$$

Using the water height and the roller area, water outflow/discharge is given from Eq.3-34, expressed in finite difference form as

$$Q_n = Q_{\text{loss}} + \frac{1}{\rho g h_1} \left[ (A_{n+1} + A_{\text{loss}}) \lambda_{n+1} - (A_{\text{loss}} + A_{n+1}) h_1 \right] \quad (3.34)$$

Once the desired accuracy is reached, the energy dissipation per unit volume for the roller model at each Q-point is determined by

$$\Omega_1 = \frac{2}{(h_1 + h_{1,1})} \phi_1 \quad (3.35)$$

The transport rate distribution within the surf zone is calculated from Eq.3-35, written in difference form at the  $(n+1)$ th time step,

$$Q_1^{n+1} = h \left[ Q_1^{n+1} - \Omega_1 + \alpha \frac{h_1^{n+1} - h_{1,1}^{n+1}}{\Delta t} \right] Q_1^{n+1} - \Omega_1 + \alpha \frac{h_1^{n+1} - h_{1,1}^{n+1}}{\Delta t} \quad (3.36)$$

Rewriting,

$$Q_1^{n+1} = Q_1^n + \Delta Q_1^{n+1} \quad (3.37)$$

$$Q_1^{n+1} = Q_1^n + \frac{\partial Q_1}{\partial h_1} \Delta h_1^{n+1} + \frac{\partial Q_1}{\partial h_{1,1}} \Delta h_{1,1}^{n+1} \quad (3.38)$$

The roller area is assumed to be constant over a time step. From Eq.3-35,

$$\frac{\partial Q_1}{\partial h_1} = \frac{\partial Q_1}{\partial h_{1,1}} = -\rho g h_1 \frac{A_1}{T} \frac{2}{(h_1 + h_{1,1})^2} \quad (3.39)$$

Thus, Eq.3-36 becomes,

$$\begin{aligned} Q^{n+1} = & A \left[ \left( D_t^n - D_t + \alpha \frac{K^n - K_{t-1}^n}{\Delta t} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial Q_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\pi}{\Delta t} \right) M_{11}^{n+1} + \left( \frac{\partial Q_2}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\pi}{\Delta t} \right) M_{21}^{n+1} \right] \\ & + \left[ \left( D_t^n - D_t + \alpha \frac{K^n - K_{t-1}^n}{\Delta t} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial Q_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\pi}{\Delta t} \right) M_{11}^{n+1} + \left( \frac{\partial Q_2}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\pi}{\Delta t} \right) M_{21}^{n+1} \right]^{n+1} \quad (3.43) \end{aligned}$$

When  $n$  is an odd number (3 or 5), the absolute sign in the equation can be dropped. For a small time increment, the value of  $\Delta t/\Delta x$  much less than 1. Neglecting higher order terms after expanding Eq. 3.43, the fractional finite difference transport equation is expressed as

$$A_1' M_{11}^{n+1} + B_1' Q^{n+1} + C_1' M_{21}^{n+1} = Q_1' \quad (3.44)$$

$$A_1' = -\alpha \left[ D_t^n - D_t + \alpha \frac{K^n - K_{t-1}^n}{\Delta t} \right] \left( \frac{\partial Q_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\pi}{\Delta t} \right)$$

$$B_1' = 1.0$$

$$C_1' = -\alpha \left[ D_t^n - D_t + \alpha \frac{K^n - K_{t-1}^n}{\Delta t} \right] \left( \frac{\partial Q_2}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\pi}{\Delta t} \right)$$

$$Q_1' = \alpha \left[ D_t^n - D_t + \alpha \frac{K^n - K_{t-1}^n}{\Delta t} \right] \left[ D_t^n - D_t + \alpha \frac{K^n - K_{t-1}^n}{\Delta t} \right]^{n+1}$$

However, for an even number such as  $n = 2$ , the absolute sign in Eq. 3.44 is difficult to expand. Thus, a different finite difference scheme is used,

$$\begin{aligned} Q^{n+1} = & A \left[ \left( D_t^n - D_t + \alpha \frac{K^n - K_{t-1}^n}{\Delta t} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial Q_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\pi}{\Delta t} \right) M_{11}^{n+1} + \left( \frac{\partial Q_2}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\pi}{\Delta t} \right) M_{21}^{n+1} \right] \\ & + \left[ D_t^n - D_t + \alpha \frac{K^n - K_{t-1}^n}{\Delta t} \right] \quad (3.45) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{Q}_i^{(m+1)} = \frac{\bar{Q}_i^{(m)} + \bar{Q}_i^*}{2}$ . After expanding Eq. 3-62, a similar equation with similar coefficients as in Eq. 3-61, is obtained

The discrete form of the constant coefficient equations (Eq. 3-60) is

$$\frac{\Delta \bar{Q}_i^{(m+1)}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\bar{Q}_{i+1}^{(m)} - \bar{Q}_i^{(m)} + \bar{Q}_i^* - \bar{Q}_i^*}{2\Delta t} \quad (3-63)$$

which can be written as

$$A_1 \bar{Q}_i^{(m+1)} + B_1 \Delta \bar{Q}_i^{(m+1)} + C_1 \bar{Q}_{i+1}^* = Q_1 \quad (3-64)$$

$$A_1 = \frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta x}, \quad B_1 = 1.0, \quad C_1 = -A_1, \quad Q_1 = \frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta x} (\bar{Q}_{i+1}^* - \bar{Q}_i^*)$$

Eqs. 3-61 and 3-64 are tri-diagonal equations and can be solved simultaneously by the standard double sweep method. Two boundary conditions are needed in the model. The second limit is taken at the breaking point ( $x_b$ ), where the transport rate is considered to be zero. Actually some sediment movement exists seaward of the breaking point, which is a limitation of the model. The other boundary is the maximum point of uprush ( $x_u$ ) in the case of an overall sea overwash. The transport is also set to zero at this boundary. Starting from the seaward boundary, four sea state variables are calculated as

$$R_1 = -\frac{A_1}{R_1 + C_1 R_{0,1}}, \quad F_1 = \frac{Q_1 - C_1 F_{0,1}}{R_1 + C_1 R_{0,1}}, \quad E_1 = -\frac{R_1'}{R_1 + C_1' E_{0,1}}, \quad F_1' = \frac{Q_1' - C_1' F_{0,1}'}{R_1 + C_1' E_{0,1}} \quad (3-65)$$

with the boundary conditions,  $R_0' = Q_0$ , and  $E_0' = 0$ . Therefore the current transport rates and the profile changes are determined as

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \bar{Q}_i &= A_1 \bar{Q}_i + F_1 & 0 \leq i \leq m \\ \bar{Q}_i &= E_1' \Delta x_{i-1} + F_1' & 0 \leq i \leq m-1 \end{aligned} \quad (3-66)$$



### 3.3.3.4 Wave setup

The setup limit is based on the wave setup. Hunt (1996) proposed an equation for the wave setup as a function of bed slope, wave height and wave exposure in the study of seawall and breakwater design, expressed as

$$R = H_s \frac{\tan \beta}{\sqrt{H_{s0} \lambda_s}} \quad (3-47)$$

where  $R$  is the wave setup height,  $\tan \beta$  is the average bed slope from the setup limit to the seaward breaking point

### 3.3.3.5 Landward contours and allowable slopes

The program adopts the idea of CHDS (Zhang, 1996; Zhang and Dean, 1997) and allows specification of maximum contours and allowable slopes. These boundaries are required at the upper limit of setup where seaward or landward transport can cause the angle of repose of the profile to be exceeded above the elevation. Slopes exceeding the allowed rise also occur at the seaward end of the computational domain where the most seaward active contour is displaced seaward, thus creating a locally steep slope. At each time step, the program checks and if it is determined that a local slope exceeds the specified values, reallocation occurs with the sand redistributed to the adjacent contours until the maximum allowable slope is reached. The allowable slopes from Zhang (1996) are taken as 0.18 and 0.21 for contours and allowable slope, respectively, based on large wave flume data.

### 3.3.3.6 Random waves

In the case of random wave conditions, the wave-by-wave approach is applied in the model. The wave heights and corresponding wave periods are generated as described

in Section 3.1.1.1. The total coherent volume transport at a point,  $\mathcal{F}_i$ , in a time step  $\Delta t$

is

$$\mathcal{F}_i = \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{Q}_{n,i} \mathcal{F}_n \quad (3.48)$$

where  $\hat{Q}_{n,i}$  is calculated by Eq. 3.43 using the generated wave height  $\hat{H}_n$  and wave period  $T_n$ , and  $N$  is the number of waves included in the time span of  $\Delta t$ . The assumption is that the profile does not change immediately after each single wave action. The finite-difference transport equations for random waves, similar to Eq. 3.44, is

$$\mathcal{A}_i' \Delta \mathcal{H}_i^{(n)} + \mathcal{B}_i' \mathcal{F}_i^{(n-1)} + \mathcal{C}_i' \Delta \mathcal{H}_i^{(n-1)} = \mathcal{Q}_i' \quad (3.49)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_i' = -\alpha \mathcal{E} \sum_{n=1}^N \left[ \left( \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{H}_i}^n - \mathcal{D}_i + \alpha \frac{\mathcal{H}_i^n - \mathcal{H}_i}{\Delta t} \right)^2 \left( \frac{1}{\mathcal{H}_{i,n}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_{i,n}}{\partial x} + \frac{\alpha}{\Delta t} \right) \mathcal{F}_i \right]$$

$$\mathcal{B}_i' = 1.0$$

$$\mathcal{C}_i' = -\alpha \mathcal{E} \sum_{n=1}^N \left[ \left( \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{H}_i}^n - \mathcal{D}_i + \alpha \frac{\mathcal{H}_i^n - \mathcal{H}_i}{\Delta t} \right)^2 \left( \frac{1}{\mathcal{H}_{i,n}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_{i,n}}{\partial x} + \frac{\alpha}{\Delta t} \right) \mathcal{F}_i \right]$$

$$\mathcal{Q}_i' = \mathcal{E} \sum_{n=1}^N \left[ \left( \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{H}_i}^n - \mathcal{D}_i + \alpha \frac{\mathcal{H}_i^n - \mathcal{H}_i}{\Delta t} \right) \left( \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{H}_i}^n - \mathcal{D}_i + \alpha \frac{\mathcal{H}_i^n - \mathcal{H}_i}{\Delta t} \right)^2 \mathcal{F}_i \right]$$

The discrete form of the continuity equation for random waves becomes

$$\mathcal{A}_i \mathcal{F}_i^{(n-1)} + \mathcal{B}_i \Delta \mathcal{H}_i^{(n-1)} + \mathcal{C}_i \mathcal{F}_i^{(n-1)} = \mathcal{Q}_i \quad (3.50)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_i = \frac{\alpha}{2\Delta t}, \quad \mathcal{B}_i = 1.0, \quad \mathcal{C}_i = -\mathcal{A}_i, \quad \mathcal{Q}_i = \frac{1}{2\Delta t} (\mathcal{H}_{i,n}^2 - \mathcal{H}_i^2)$$

## CHAPTER 4 MODEL CALIBRATION WITH LABORATORY EXPERIMENTS

### 4.1 Introduction

Application of the one-dimensional model discussed in Chapter 3 requires quantification of several coefficients. To reduce the number of free variables and facilitate the calibration process, the coefficients in the wave and roller model, namely decay coefficient  $K$ , stable wave coefficient  $\Gamma$ , and roller dissipation coefficient  $\beta_r$ , are taken as the suggested values of this stage, that is,  $K = 0.15$ ,  $\Gamma = 0.4$ , and  $\beta_r = 8.0$ . Thus, two coefficients remain to be determined, the exponent,  $n$ , and the transport coefficient,  $K$ . The linear ( $n = 1$ ) and nonlinear ( $n = 1, 2$ ) transport relationships are used for comparison of model prediction with several large-scale laboratory experiments. The conclusion for these models are that they should converge to the same target profile for exchanging water conditions and estimated time. The only difference is that the evolution with larger  $n$  values will evolve most rapidly at the beginning and most slowly later than the relationship with smaller  $n$  values.

As an objective criterion for judging agreement between the simulated and measured profile, the root mean-square of the difference between measured and calculated depths is used

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i^m - y_i^p)^2} \quad (4.1)$$

in which superscripts  $m$  and  $p$  refer to measured and predicted profiles, respectively, and  $N$  is the number of data points. The error between the predicted and observed profile

depths are obtained at the points for which measured profile information is available. The best fit  $K$  value is determined as the value yielding the overall least RMS error. In order to avoid scale effects on profile evolution, only large scale wave flume experiments are used. Delle et al. (2002) provided a detailed overview of the existing large wave flumes in the world and the profile evolution related experiments available from these flumes. Three different laboratory data sets were available and are examined in this study for the present model calibration: “Large Wave Tank” (LWT) experiments in 1956/57 and 1962 by Delft-plateau from Kraus and Larson (1985), the Large Wave Flume of the Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industry (CRIEPI) in 1983 (Kajima et al. 1985; Larson and Kraus, 1985), and German wave flume experiments (GWK) at Hannover, Germany, in 1986/87 (Delle and Ullrichs, 1987) and in 1996/97 as part of the MAST II-SAFE project (Delle et al., 1998). Among them, LWT and CRIEPI were carried out with monochromatic waves, GWK had both monochromatic and random waves.

## 4.2 LWT Experiments

### 4.2.1 Description of Experiments

Two series of movable-bed model experiments on beach profile change were conducted in the tank of the Beach Research Board 1956/57 and 1962 (reported by Kraus and Larson, 1985). The two series differ mainly in the grain size of the bed material used. Nine major tests were run with each of two model sizes using essentially the same water depth and wave conditions. Tests for a given grain size were characterized by waves of varying frequency producing either standing or moving profiles. All tests were with monochromatic waves. The experiments included extensive profile surveys during

each test to document the approach to equilibrium. Only limited hydraulic measurements were made, mostly wave heights at impact breaking and run up heights.

The experiments were conducted when the tank was located at Delacorte Reservation in Washington, DC. The concrete tank was 194 m long, 4.6 m wide, and 6.1 m deep. The initial profile slope for all tests but two was 1:15. The wave periods ranged between 2.23 and 28.0 s and generated wave heights between 0.99 and 1.83 m in the horizontal part of the tank. The wave height and period were held constant except in one case when the water depth was varied in order to simulate a tide (Test 114). The water depths ranged from 3.5 to 4.4 m and two grain sizes were used with median diameters of 0.12 mm as H5637 and 0.4 mm as H60, respectively. Tests 118 and 119 were conducted first, as initial profile test was done please and Test 118 was a repetition run of Test 106. Of the 13 generic cases studied (plane initial slope, different wave and sediment combinations), eight terminated with irregular profiles (Tests 106, 300, 400, 500, 600, 800, 900, and 903) and seven with wavy-bottom profiles (Tests 200, 400, 504, 511, 603, 700, and 803).

In Test 106, the profile eroded back to the end of the tank. The water level in Test 700 varied during the experiment. In all the nonstationary cases, a quantity of sand was moved upstream from offshore of the surf zone, however, the model calibration domain is ended at the breaking point, thus cannot predict these sediment transports. Thus, only five stationary cases (Tests 300, 400, 500, 601 and 801) are used for the model calibration. Table 4-1 summarizes the conditions of the tests and the corresponding full velocity parameters based on the breaking wave heights.

## 4.2.2 Modeling Results

The best-fit  $K$  values for both linear ( $n = 1$ ) and nonlinear ( $n = 2$ , if transport relationships of the first LWT runs are used in Table 4-2). It appears that transport relationships with  $n = 2$  provides overall better results with square errors and best fits to the observed profile evolution.

The comparisons of predicted and measured profile evolutions are presented in Figure 4-1 to Figure 4-5 for the first cases, respectively. In each case, the profiles of four different cases are compared. A primary breaking point bar is predicted at each case, but no secondary feature bar is generated. Also, the model cannot predict the wide trough area after the primary offshore bar. The nonlinear relationships predict a better profile evolution at the beginning and shows later, as the measured profiles show for some trend.

Table 4-1. Summary of the LWT experiment data used for model calibration.

Test No.	Cross section (mm)	Wave height (m)	Wave period (s)	Wave depth (m)	Dune crest (mm)	$\frac{H_s}{L_{0.01}}$
300	0.25	1.00	11.33	4.27	50	1.10
400		1.00	9.4	4.43	40	10.5
500		1.50	8.79	4.97	100	0.109
600	0.40	1.60	9.8	4.43	60	1.36
700		1.50	8.79	4.97	40	6.57

Table 4-2. Best-fit  $K$  values for LWT experiments.

Test No.	$n = 1$		$n = 2$		$n = 3$	
	Best-fit $K$ ( $m^3/s^2$ )	Error (%)	Best-fit $K$ ( $m^3/s^2$ )	Error (%)	Best-fit $K$ ( $m^3/s^2$ )	Error (%)
300	$1.76 \times 10^{-2}$	0.301	$0.796 \times 10^{-2}$	0.240	$0.246 \times 10^{-2}$	0.348
400	$2.26 \times 10^{-2}$	0.280	$1.46 \times 10^{-2}$	0.203	$0.096 \times 10^{-2}$	0.212
500	$1.86 \times 10^{-2}$	0.281	$1.1 \times 10^{-2}$	0.363	$8.1 \times 10^{-3}$	0.393
600	$0.406 \times 10^{-2}$	0.267	$0.476 \times 10^{-2}$	0.261	$6.37 \times 10^{-3}$	0.270
700	$0.046 \times 10^{-2}$	0.303	$0.071 \times 10^{-2}$	0.306	$6.61 \times 10^{-3}$	0.306

### 4.3 CRUMP Wave Flume Experiments

The wave flume is operated by the Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industry in Japan between 1979 and 1983 (Kajiwara et al., 1982). It is made of reinforced concrete, and is 26.8 m long, 3.4-m wide, and 6 m deep to the 11.5-m-long upstream flat section, which is joined in a shortened section of 11.5 m slope. As in the LWT experiments, two different median grain sizes were employed, although slightly coarser in the CRUMP experiments (0.17 and 0.47 mm). A majority of the tests started from a plane beach slope, but the initial slope was varied, ranging from 1:50 to 1:10. Both erosional and accretionary waves were investigated. Only monochromatic waves were used in the experiments keeping the water level fixed during a test. Flushing, spilling, and surging/breaking waves were observed, although plunging breakers occurred in the majority of cases. The experimental program consisted of 24 monochromatic tests with wave periods ranging between 3.0 and 12.0 s and generated wave heights between 0.3 and 1.8 m.

Erosion concepts were carried out during the experiments at a very high spatial resolution (at least every 50 mm, sometimes every mm), which allowed for the study of small-scale features such as ripples. Lemon and Kraus (1988) used the CRUMP data to quantify and model beach profile evolution. Of the 19 tests identified as giving distinct responses corresponding to bar or berm profiles, Tests 1-8, 1-1, 3-5, 3-2, 3-4, 4-3, 4-3, 5-1, 6-1, and 6-2 produced bar profiles and Tests 1-1, 1-3, 3-3, 3-5, 3-3, 4-1, and 5-1 produced berm profiles. Here, Test 4-1 with a 0.27 mm median grain size is selected to validate the model and the results are presented in Table 4-1. Figure 4-4 shows the comparisons between the measured and the best fit predicted profiles for the four bar cases

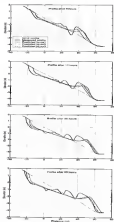


Figure 4-1 Test 300 from LWT experiments. Comparison of predicted to observed profiles at different times for the test in X region for  $n = 1, 2$  and 3



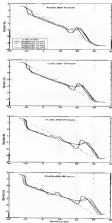


Figure 4-2. Two-100 fses LFT experiments: Comparison of predicted to observed profiles at different times for the time-to-BL values for  $\alpha = 1, 2$  and 3

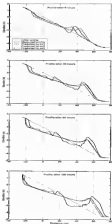


Figure 4-5: Test 100 from LWT experiments. Comparison of predicted to observed profiles at different times for the best fit  $\beta$  values for  $\alpha = 1, 2$  and 3

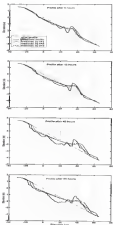


Figure 4-6: Test data from L&T experiments. Comparison of predicted to observed profiles at different times for the heat-conductivity experiment for  $\alpha = 1, 2$  and  $3$ .

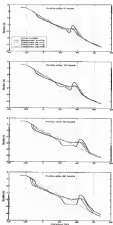


Figure 4-5 Time-Max from LWT experiments. Comparison of predicted to observed profiles at different times for the best-fit  $\alpha$  values for  $\alpha = 1, 2$  and 3

Table 4-3 Best-fit K values for CREAK experiments

Test No.	Test canal		$\alpha = 0$		$\alpha = 1$		$\alpha = 2$	
	H (m)	T (s)	Best-fit K ( $\text{m}^3/\text{N}$ )	Error (%)	Best-fit K ( $\text{m}^3/\text{N}$ )	Error (%)	Best-fit K ( $\text{m}^3/\text{N}$ )	Error (%)
4-2	1.12	1.3	$2.7 \times 10^{-4}$	0.148	$1.2 \times 10^{-4}$	0.281	$6.7 \times 10^{-5}$	0.281

#### 4.4 German Large Wave Flume

The German "large wave flume" at Hannover is 324-m long, 7-m deep and 8-m wide. Since 1986 a series of beach profile experiments have been conducted in the flume. Only data from 1986/1987 and 1990/1991 were available for the present study.

##### 4.4.1 1986/1987 Experiments

The purpose of the first set of experiments in 1986/1987 was to study beach and dune erosion under nonstationary and random waves (Dierke and Ullrichs, 1987). Two of these experiments were conducted with the most constant wave conditions and different initial profiles. Regular waves with a wave height of 0.3-m and a period of 6-s were generated in a water depth of 3-m. The sand used for both experiments had a mean diameter of 0.12-mm, which corresponds to a fall velocity of 3 cm/s. Two initial profiles, "flume without duneform" and "flume with duneform", were used. The "flume without duneform" had a dune crest of 2-m above still water level and a constant slope of 1:4 down to the channel floor. The "flume with duneform" had a slope of 1:4 from the dune crest of 2-m above still water level to 1-m water depth followed by a slope of 1:20 down to the channel floor.

Here, the case "flume without duneform" is used for model calibration. Table 4-4 provides the results, and Figure 4-7 presents the comparison between predicted and measured profiles at four different time spans.

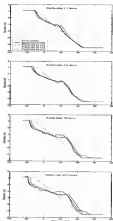


Figure 4-6 Test 4-2 from CRIPF experiments (initial slope 1.14). Comparison of predicted vs. observed profiles at different times for the best-fit  $K$  values for  $n = 1, 2$  and 5.

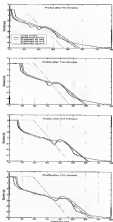


Figure 4-3. Case 1 data without firmness under regular worm excretion in German warm water experiments (period slope 1.4). Comparison of predicted to observed profiles at different times for the best-fit  $K$  values for  $n = 1, 2$  and 3.

Table 4-4. Best-fit  $K$  values for German wires from 1996/1997 experiments.

Test	$n = 1$		$n = 2$		$n = 3$	
	Best-fit $K$ ( $m^2/s^2$ )	Error (%)	Best-fit $K$ ( $m^2/s^2$ )	Error (%)	Best-fit $K$ ( $m^2/s^2$ )	Error (%)
Dune wire (cylinder)	$2.34 \times 10^{-3}$	0.279	$0.794 \times 10^{-3}$	0.313	$1.36 \times 10^{-3}$	0.306

#### 4.4.2 1996/1997 Experiments

From November to December 1996, February to March 1997 and June to August 1997, in cooperation with the MAAT DIFARE project, experiments were carried-out in the German Waddenland in Huisduin to study the development of the underwater profile and sand losses from the beach by various water level and wave conditions (Dette et al., 1998; Dette et al., 2002). The year was divided into two simple phases focusing on beach and dune stability under given conditions with variable sea levels.

In the first Phase-I, attention was concentrated on beach stability without structural aid. The beach was formed from inside with a median diameter of 0.3 mm and a fall velocity of 0.642  $m/s$ . The underwater profile from 4 m above the flume floor was shaped to the equilibrium profile  $h = 0.12 y^{0.7}$ . The beach above the still water level (4 m above the flume floor) had slopes of 1:20, 1:15, 1:10, and 1:5. The initial profile generation of Test Phase I are shown in Figure 4-5. Each test stage was first subjected to natural wave and water level conditions using a TMA spectrum with  $H_{max} = 1.6$  m and  $T_p = 3$  s. Then, after test started, until the profile reached an equilibrium state for the selected wave generation, maintained as the initial profile for the profile change due to storm surge conditions by raising the water level by 1 m (flume floor +5 m) and generating storm waves (TMA spectrum with  $H_{max} = 1.2$  m and  $T_p = 3$  s). The peak period for the generated TMA spectra was 6 s (normal and storm conditions). The spectral length was



15 min and consisted of 143 waves. Figure 4-9 presents the initial and final measured profiles under storm wave conditions in Test Phase I.

The model calibration used the wave-by-wave readings were model developed in Chapter 3. The best-fit  $K$  values for the four tests under storm wave conditions are summarized in Table 4-3 and the comparisons between predicted and measured profile evolutions are shown in Figure 4-10 to Figure 4-13, respectively. The developed bath near the normal water level (it is above the floor) are not generated by the model. The flux-transport relationship provided an overall better fit than the evolute relationships.



Figure 4-8 Profile predictions for beach stability experiments in Test Phase I of Gamma 1995/1997 experiments

Table 4-3 Best-fit  $K$  values for Gamma Beach 1995/1997 experiments

Test No.	$n = 1$		$n = 2$		$n = 3$	
	Best-fit $K$ ( $m^2/s$ )	Error (%)	Best-fit $K$ ( $m^2/s^2$ )	Error (%)	Best-fit $K$ ( $m^2/s^3$ )	Error (%)
BP (1-20)	$5.99 \times 10^{-5}$	0.0616	$0.63 \times 10^{-5}$	0.0724	$0.47 \times 10^{-5}$	0.0728
BP (1-10)	$2.3 \times 10^{-5}$	0.0763	$1.4 \times 10^{-5}$	0.0824	$1.3 \times 10^{-5}$	0.0883
CC (1-8)	$1.7 \times 10^{-5}$	0.0723	$0.81 \times 10^{-5}$	0.0804	$0.73 \times 10^{-5}$	0.0817
BP (1-12)	$1.3 \times 10^{-5}$	0.0863	$0.66 \times 10^{-5}$	0.0763	$0.36 \times 10^{-5}$	0.0861

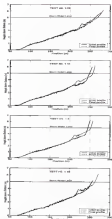


Figure 4-8 The initial and final observed profiles in Test Phase I of German wire Blank EBM/PTT experiments.



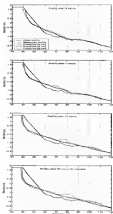


Figure 4-13: Test B2 from Gamma wave data 1966/1977 experiment (fixed slope 1.18). Comparison of predicted to observed profiles at different times for the best-fit  $\alpha$  values for  $\alpha = 1, 2$  and 3.

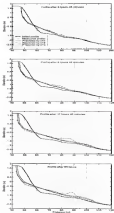


Figure 4-13. Test CO<sub>2</sub> flux GCMs were fitted to 1994/1995 experiments (panel slope 1.1). Comparison of predicted to observed profiles at different times, for the best fit  $\alpha$  values for  $\alpha = 1, 2$  and 3.

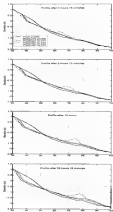


Figure 4-13. Test H I disk-column versus some 1980-1997 experiments (solid) slope 1-125. Comparison of predicted vs observed profiles at different regions for the neutral H I column for  $\alpha = 1, 2$  and 3.

### 4.5 Summary of Laboratory Calibration

A total of eleven large-scale experiments from three different wave flumes are employed for the model calibration and comparison of the linear and nonlinear transport relationships. Seven of these tests were conducted with monochromatic wave conditions and the other four were carried out with random waves. These tests are characterized with different sediment sizes, initial profiles, and random wave conditions.

The minimum root mean square errors between predicted and measured profiles occurred as the objective in the calibration procedure. The experimental conditions and the best-fit results are summarized in Table 4-6. Note that the best-fit  $K$  values obtained are based on total time series available for each individual test, not just one particular measured profile. The average best-fit  $K$  value of the linear relationship ( $n = 1$ ) is  $1.77 \times 10^2 \text{ m}^2/\text{M}$ , with a variation from  $-45\%$  to  $103\%$ , whereas the best-fit  $K$  value range from  $-48\%$  to  $33\%$  of the average value of  $0.93 \times 10^2 \text{ m}^2/\text{M}^2$  for  $n = 2$  and from  $-78\%$  to  $111\%$  of the average value of  $0.65 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^4/\text{M}^3$  for  $n = 3$ , respectively. The nonlinear relationship with  $n = 2$  has a narrower range than that for  $n = 1$  and 3. Of the eleven tests, the nonlinear relationship with  $n = 2$  has the best fit for six of seven monochromatic wave cases, while  $n = 1$  provides the best fit for four random wave cases.

To further investigate the transport relationship, the best-fit  $K$  values (shown in Figure 4-14 to 4-17) for each individual measured profile are determined using the same criteria for LWT tests 300, 400, 500 and CRRP1 test 4-2. In most cases, the best-fit  $K$  values for  $n = 1$  decrease with time, and increase with time for  $n = 2$ . In fact, no apparent trend for  $n = 3$ . If the transport coefficient in the model is assumed to be a constant, the model with  $n = 2$  can have a better simulation of the profile change history

Table 4.4. Summary of laboratory conditions

Case	R (cm)	T (°C)	$d_m$ (mm)	Results E			Error (%)	
				$a = 1 \text{ (m/s)}^2$	$a = 3 \text{ (m/s}^2\text{)}$	$a = 3 \text{ (m/s}^2\text{)}$	$n = 1$	$n = 3$
L <sub>1</sub> (1)	300	1.46	32.33	0.23	$8.75 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.48 \times 10^{-3}$	0.261	0.243
	400	1.50	2.6	0.23	$1.4 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.99 \times 10^{-3}$	0.206	0.233
	500	1.53	3.33	0.23	$1.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-2}$	0.181	0.183
	600	1.53	3.6	0.40	$8.85 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.47 \times 10^{-2}$	0.267	0.256
	800	1.53	3.73	0.40	$8.95 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.31 \times 10^{-2}$	0.183	0.219
L <sub>2</sub> (2)	400	1.53	2.8	0.27	$3.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$	0.186	0.281
	600	1.59	3.6	0.33	$4.0 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.75 \times 10^{-2}$	0.181	0.268
C <sub>1</sub> (3)	400	1.59	3.6	0.38	$8.85 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.83 \times 10^{-2}$	0.4678	0.4738
	600	1.59	3.8	0.38	$2.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-2}$	0.4793	0.5037
	800	1.59	3.8	0.38	$3.7 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.31 \times 10^{-2}$	0.4971	0.4838
	1000	1.59	3.8	0.38	$3.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.88 \times 10^{-2}$	0.4862	0.4841
Average				$1.73 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.83 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.63 \times 10^{-2}$		



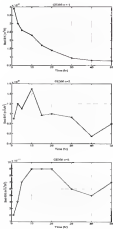


Figure 4-14 Beam flux values with time for LWT Test 300 with  $n = 1, 2$  and 3

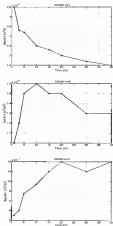


Figure 4.11: Heat flux  $q_w$  versus wall time (for UWT Test 400 with  $\alpha = 1, 2$  and 3)

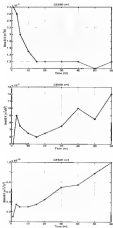


Figure 4-16: Time for B index with noise for LWT Test 300 with  $\alpha = 1, 2$  and 3

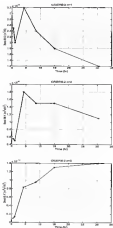


Figure 4.17: Time- $|E|$  plots versus water time for CAGSP1 Test 4-2 with  $\alpha = 1, 2$  and 3

Another parameter characterizing model skill is the profile function volumetric error (Zhang, 1996; Zhang and Zhou, 1997). Figure 4-11 shows comparisons of the measured and the best-fit predicted model volume for the above-mentioned tests. The best-fit RMS errors are presented in Table 4-7. The transport relationship with  $n = 1$  gives the best fit for Tests CE00 and CE40, while  $n = 1$  has the best fit for Tests CE50 and CE60. One unusual feature in CE50 case is that there is a rapid change in the model volume after 60 hours were action. If excluding the profile evolution after 60 hours,  $n = 2$  gives the best fit model volume for this run.

Based on these results, it is determined that the nonlinear transport relationship with  $n = 1$  is more appropriate to the cross-shore profile model. The transport coefficient  $K = 0.93 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^2/\text{day}^2$  is adopted according to the average of the best-fit  $K$  values on the above tests.

Table 4-7 Best-fit RMS errors of model volume (unit:  $\text{m}^3$ )

	$n = 1$	$n = 1$	$n = 2$
CE00	3.19 <sup>a</sup>	1.07	3.05
CE40	2.67	0.67	1.73
CE50	1.64	2.23	3.18
CE60 <sup>b</sup>	1.78	0.90	1.16
CE07N	1.24	1.83	0.27

<sup>a</sup> The measurements after 60 hours are excluded in the calculation.

<sup>b</sup> The RMS error between predicted and measured model volume, defined as Eq. 4-1 excepts change profile depth to model volume.

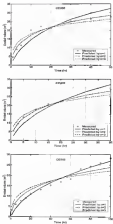


Figure 4-18. Comparison of best fit to observed solid volume

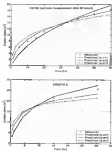


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## CHAPTER 4 MODEL EVALUATION AND SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

In Chapter 4 eleven large scale wave flume laboratory tests were selected to calibrate the developed cross-shore profile model. Based on the calibration results, the nonlinear transport relationship with  $n = 2$  was found to yield the overall least root mean-square error for profile evolution. The average best fit  $K$  value of  $1.55 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}^2$  was recommended for model application. The purpose of this chapter is to evaluate the cross-shore model with the recommended average  $K$  value. First, the predicted profile evolutions with the average  $K$  value are compared with the results of the calibrated best fit  $K$  values using the same laboratory data in Chapter 4. Then a sensitivity analysis is performed to quantify the influence of various model parameters and empirical coefficients on the simulation results. Predictions of the model are also examined for varying water levels and different initial profile shapes.

### 5.1 Evaluation of $K$ value with Laboratory Experiments

The eleven experiments described in Chapter 3 are included in the evaluation of the cross-shore model with the fixed average  $K$  value. The input values of several parameters in the model are summarized below:

- The breaking index,  $\gamma = 0.75$ .
- The drag coefficient,  $K_D$ , and stable wave height coefficient,  $\Gamma$ , in the  $D^2$  wave model are taken as 0.13 and 0.4, respectively.
- The dispersion coefficient,  $\beta_{D,0}$ , in the roller model is set as 0.1.
- The breaking wavefront and offshore slopes for receding are 0.18 and 0.22, respectively.



The derivation of the profile depth evaluation square error (defined as Eq. 4.7) compares the results of the average  $K$  value and the individual best fit  $K$  value is chosen as the model evaluation parameter:

$$Der = \frac{RMS_{\text{ave}} - RMS_{\text{best}}}{RMS_{\text{ave}}} \quad (4.7)$$

where Der denotes a non-dimensional derivation, RMS is the root mean-square error of the profile depth, the subscript  $\text{ave}$  and  $\text{best}$  represent the results of the model prediction with the average and best-fit  $K$  values, respectively. If the predictions with the average  $K$  value are exactly identical to those of the best-fit  $K$  values, the derivation in Eq. 4.7 is zero. Generally, the sign of Der is positive when the model with best-fit  $K$  values should yield less error than that with  $K_{\text{ave}}$  values.

The model results of the root-mean-square errors are presented in Table 3-1 for the eleven experiments. Figures 3-1 to 3-11 show the comparisons of the predicted profiles for these experiments. It is seen that the predictions with the average  $K$  values provide the best fit to the measured profiles which are pretty as good as those with the best-fit  $K$  values for each experiment. Although the best-fit  $K$  values range from -40% to 70% of the average  $K$  values, ten out of eleven derivations of the root-mean-square errors are less than 10%, and eight of the eleven are within 5%.

The model predict for profiles in the seven nondestructive wave tests, although the wide trough case in Case 586 and 587 are not predicted. However, the model does not generate the double hump present in the CWT experiments. In the machine wave tests, the predicted hump are not very close to the observed profiles. The reason could be that the generated random waves in the controlled laboratory conditions are much different from those generated randomly in the model.

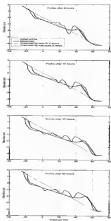


Figure 5-3 Test 386 from LWT experiments. Comparison of measured and predicted profiles by the model with the best fit and average  $R$  values.

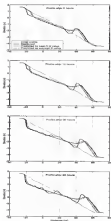


Figure 3-13. Test 400 from LWT experiments. Comparison of measured and predicted profiles by the model with the best-fit and average  $\alpha$  values

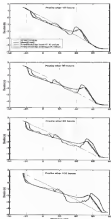


Figure 3-5 The 500 from LWT experiments. Comparison of measured and predicted profiles by the model with the best fit and average C, values.

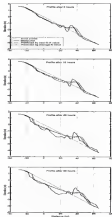


Figure 5-4 Time 401 from CWT experiments: Comparison of measured and predicted profiles by the model with bottom- $\Omega_b$  and average  $K$  values.



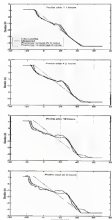


Figure 3-4. Test 3-2 from CBEP1 experiments. Comparison of measured and predicted profiles by the model with the best-fit and average  $K_v$  values.

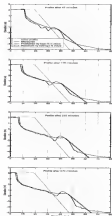


Figure 5.7: Case “*deutscher, brexitland*” under regular stress conditions in Germany were Dutch experiments. Comparison of measured and predicted profiles by the model with the base-IC and average IC values.



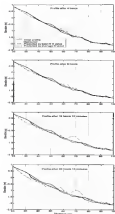


Figure 5-4 Test A9 from Cairns were Run 1996/1997 experiments. Comparison of measured and predicted residual gas by the model with the test data and average IC values.

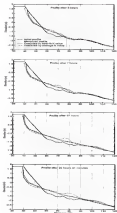


Figure 3-8 Test B2 from German-wire Boxer 1994/1997 experiments. Comparison of observed and predicted pm files by the model with the best-fit and average E values.

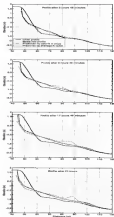


Figure 3-18 Test E2 from Storms waves: Rome 1996/1997 experiments. Comparison of measured and predicted profiles by the model with the best fit and average fit values.

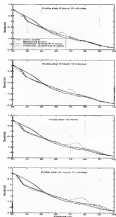


Figure 3-21 Test H2 from German wave data 1996/1997 as parameter. Comparison of measured and predicted profiles by the model with the best fit and average IG values.

**Table 3-3 Root mean square errors of profile depths predicted by the model with best fit and average  $K$  values and the corresponding deviations**

Test		Best-fit $K$ value		Average $K$ value	
		$K$ ( $\mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}^2$ )	RMS, ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	RMS, ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Dev
LWF	100	$0.75 \times 10^{-2}$	0.343	0.343	0.0048
	150	$1.4 \times 10^{-2}$	0.305	0.298	0.017
	200	$1.7 \times 10^{-2}$	0.301	0.376	0.014
	401	$0.83 \times 10^{-2}$	0.281	0.278	0.008
	501	$0.75 \times 10^{-2}$	0.306	0.388	0.0063
CRUP	6-3	$1.5 \times 10^{-2}$	0.391	0.186	0.021
Grain LWF	401	$0.75 \times 10^{-2}$	0.311	0.521	0.006
	60	$0.85 \times 10^{-2}$	0.6128	0.373	0.0027
	80	$1.4 \times 10^{-2}$	0.6838	0.0096	0.043
	112	$0.83 \times 10^{-2}$	0.6716	0.0078	0.0026
	62	$0.66 \times 10^{-2}$	0.6711	0.0073	0.007

### 3.2 Sensitivity Analysis of Model Parameters

Sensitivity analysis provides valuable information regarding the physical implication of the model parameters and their relative effects on the results. In the following, the influence of the principal model parameters on beach evolution is discussed by reference to model volume for a specific case (CRUP-6-3).

#### 3.2.1 Influence of Breaching Index $\gamma$

The breaching index determines the offshore boundary position of the model. Larger  $\gamma$  values indicate the breaching point moves seaward, and vice versa. Figure 3-13 discusses the model volume as a function of time for various values of  $\gamma$ . A smaller value of  $\gamma$  implies larger beach extension due to a wider surf zone and thus more material movement from the uniform to state equilibrium.

#### 3.2.2 Influence of $D^2$ Breaching Wave Model Parameters

To quantify the importance of variations in the wave height calculation, the wave decay coefficient  $K$  is varied. Figure 3-13 shows the evolution of model volume by

different values of  $K$ . A smaller value of  $K$  indicates that the wave heights decay slowly after breaking and then propagate a greater distance landward. From Eq. 3.34, a smaller value of  $K$  gives a flatter shape of the equilibrium beach profile and thus requires redistribution of a greater amount of sand before equilibrium is attained. On the other hand, a smaller value of the stable wave height coefficient  $T$  results in a steeper equilibrium beach profile and a smaller needed volume, since less material has to be moved from the offshore to attain equilibrium. Figure 3-14 illustrates the effect of varying the stable wave height coefficient on the needed volume.



Figure 3-12 Effect of breaking index on needed volume



Figure 3-13 Effect of wave decay coefficient on needed volume

### 3.2.2 Influence of Roller Model Coefficient

The dissipation coefficient  $\beta_d$  in the roller model determines the roller energy dissipation. A larger  $\beta_d$  value implies steeper equilibrium beach profiles (see from Eq. 3.34), less incoming wave volume (see from Figure 3-12).



Figure 3-12 Effect of roller model coefficient on model volume.



Figure 3-13 Effect of roller model coefficient on model volume.

### 3.2.4 Influence of Equilibrium Energy Dissipation

The equilibrium energy dissipation per unit volume  $\beta_e$  is a function of grain size through the profile parameter  $\lambda$ . A smaller value of  $\beta_e$ , resulting from finer grain size,

corresponds to a better equilibrium beach profile, thus requiring more sand to be moved before equilibrium is reached. In the model, a modification of the  $d$  value (Table 3-2) is made (Eq. 3-34) to account for the wave effects on equilibrium beach profile. Figure 3-16 illustrates the influence of varying equilibrium energy dissipation on eroded volume. The three  $d$  values are: 8.119  $\text{m}^{1/3}$  from Table 3-2, 6.136  $\text{m}^{1/3}$  calculated from (Eq. 3-35), and best-fit value of 10.114  $\text{m}^{1/3}$  under fitting process of Series 3.2.4.



Figure 3-16. Effect of profile scale factor on eroded volume.

### 3.2.5 Influence of Wave Height and Period

The effect of an increase in wave height on beach erosion is obvious: since a larger wave height involves a larger amount of wave energy for the beach profile to dissipate in a state of equilibrium and also displace the offshore boundary conditions seaward. The eroded volume values will increase significantly as wave height increased.

Figure 3-17 shows the evolution in time of eroded volume for various wave periods. The model is absolutely insensitive to wave period. Although wave period appears in the roller model (Eq. 3-19) and the profile scale factor modification (Eq. 3-35), the effect of wave period on profile evolution is extremely small. One reason may be that the linear wave theory for shallow water conditions is applied in the numerical model.



However, it becomes very difficult to prepare an explicit selected scheme if intermediate water conditions are considered.



Figure 3-17 Effect of wave period on scaled velocity

### 3.1.4 Influence of Limiting Slopes and Offshore Slopes

These slopes are introduced into the model to determine slope reworking.

Figures 3-18 and 3-19 illustrate the effects of varying limiting offshore and offshore slopes,  $m_{off}$  and  $m_{off'}$ , on profile evolution, respectively. It shows that smaller limiting slopes cause more erosion and less accretion. However, further increasing the limiting offshore slope, the beach erosion does not change in this case. The reason is that a smaller limiting slope, more offshore need to be redistributed from the dune and beach area to reach that slope, thus causing more erosion.

### 3.2 Effect of Varying Water Level

Tests 900 and 911 performed in the LRT experiments were unique and focused on investigating the influence of tide (variable water level) on profile evolution. A sinusoidal tide with amplitude of 5-45 m and a period of 12 hour was used in Test 911 whereas the water level was constant for Test 900. Figure 3-20 shows the measured profiles for the two tests after 40.3 hours of wave action. Overall, the resulting profile

shape is quite similar in the two cases, although the bar is somewhat larger for Test #11. This is probably caused by the increased ponding for the waves to make higher up on the shoreline due to the water level variation.

This case provides an opportunity to evaluate model predictions of profile change induced by constant incident waves with a constant variation in water level. The predicted profiles after 40 s shown for these two tests are also shown in Figure 3-20. The predicted profile with raised water level has more erosion in the shoreline and the primary breaking bar is a reflection of the bar position of the constant water level case, and a small second bar forms just with the primary bar is also produced by the model.



Figure 3-13 Effect of on-shore building slope on eroded volume.



Figure 3-16 Effect of offshore building slope on eroded volume.



Figure 3-30: Comparison of observed and predicted profile evolution for variable water level

#### 3.4 Initial Bank (Slope Tillers)

Beach nourishment projects are usually constructed with an initial plane/level slope. According to Dean's equilibrium beach profile theory, the profile with an initial slope steeper than the equilibrium slope will cause beach erosion and shoreline recession. On the other hand, an initial mild slope will result in beach accretion and shoreline advancement. The model is tested here to investigate the final equilibrium profile shape with regard to different initial plane slopes. The wave conditions and sediment size are held constant ( $H = 1.12$  m,  $T = 1.5$  s,  $b = 4.5$  m and  $d_{50} = 0.17$  mm). The four slopes tested are 1/4, 1/10, 1/30, and 1/100, respectively. Figure 3-30 compares the predicted final profile after 1000 hours of constant wave action. Accretionary profiles are produced from the mild initial slopes (1/100 and 1/30), while erosive profiles are generated from the steep initial slopes (1/4 and 1/10). The final profiles have the same slopes as the bar areas, which indicates that the initial slope has no effect on the equilibrium profile shape, but determines the transport distance. The slopes of beach nourishment projects usually range from 1:20 to 1:10.

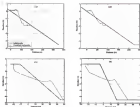


Figure 5-11 Comparison of equilibrium beach profiles for different initial beach slopes.

### 5.5 Summary of Model Evaluation

The model results ( $\mu = 2$ ) with the fixed average  $K$  value were compared with those with individual best-fit  $K$  values for the eleven large-scale wave flume experiments used for calibration. The deviations between the fixed  $K$  value and best-fit  $K$  values are found to be very small (below 10% in 10 out of eleven cases).

The model is insensitive to some of the model parameters. One exception is the setup wave period, in which the model is not sensitive at all. The varying water level (such as tide, storm surge) or profile evolution can be represented by the model. It is also found that the initial beach slope has no influence on the equilibrium beach profile shape, although it affects the sediment transport direction. This is expected since the 1-D closed loop model can always converge to a target profile.

Overall, the cross-sharp model with a nonlinear (triangular) relationship ( $\alpha = 2$ ) has the capacity to generate low features, as well as secondary profiles. It performs reasonably well for both regular as both regular and irregular waves. In the next chapter, more large-scale laboratory data as well as some field data are applied to further test and demonstrate the model applications.

## CHAPTER 4 MODEL APPLICATION

In this Chapter, more large-scale laboratory experiment data and field data are employed to examine the performance of the cross-flow model which has been developed. Comparisons with predictions of SWEACH and CROSS models are also included.

### 4.1 Laboratory Experiments Results

Measures of model performance used for analysis of laboratory experimental data are based on the statistical fit of the calculated profiles to the measured profile for a given condition. The residual parameter,  $R_{res}$ , used by Zhang and Dean (1992), provides a relative measure of the difference between the measured and calculated profiles as compared to the amount of actual change that has occurred over a given range of the profile. The residual parameter is given by:

$$R_{res} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N_p} (\hat{h}_{pj} - h_{mj})^2}{\sum_{j=1}^{N_p} (\hat{h}_{pj} - h_{aj})^2} \quad (4.1)$$

where  $h$  is the profile elevation,  $N_p$  is the number of points across the profile, the subscripts "p", "m" and "a" denote predicted, measured and actual, respectively. Smaller values of  $R_{res}$  correspond to a better fit. The maximum possible value of  $R_{res}$  is zero, which indicates a perfect simulation. If no change occurred, the value of  $R_{res}$  is 1. The prediction and comparison set of primary interest is the laboratory experimental results for just SWEACH model is used here to compare with the current model.

## 4.1.1 SUPER-TANK Project

### 4.1.1.1 Background

The SUPER-TANK project was carried out in August and September 1994 at the O.H. Rensselaer Wave Research Laboratory, Oregon State University (Green and Smith, 1994). SUPER-TANK was a multi-institutional effort to obtain detailed information on beach profile responses to waves with special emphasis on surf and beach zone processes. The project generated an extensive data set consisting of wave transformation information, profile surveys, and sediment transport across the profile for a large number of test cases.

The channel used in the SUPER-TANK project was 184 m long, 3.3 m wide, and 4.0 m deep. A digitally controlled hydraulic wave generator capable of generating random or monochromatic waves was located at one end of the tank. The wave generator forced a 76-m beach profile constructed of 500-m<sup>3</sup> of sand. Sand for the profile was obtained from the Oregon coast and had a median grain size of 0.12 mm. Data collected during the SUPER-TANK study were gathered by a dense array of wave gauges, current meters, sediment concentration profiles, pressure gauges, video cameras, and other instruments. A summary of the data set collected at SUPER-TANK is provided by Smith and Kraus (1994). During the project, waves were run for fairly short periods (e.g., 10, 20, 40, or 70 min) in order to avoid washing in the tank and to keep the amount of data collected at a manageable level. Random waves with broad- and narrow-banded spectra were run with zero-to-maximum wave heights in the range 0.3–1.0 m and with peak spectral periods in the range 3–12 s.

The test conditions anticipated in the present study are summarized in Table 4-1. The developed model with the recommended  $K$  values and other default parameters is applied to these tests, and the results are compared to those predicted by DIFF-WAVE.

(Figure 4-6). The default value for the transport coefficient in SEDACE is  $1.75 \times 10^4$   $m^2/s$  and other input parameters are also taken as the suggested default values.

**Table 4-1. Summary of the test conditions in the SUPERTRAM project.**

Test No	Description	Wave height $H_{w0}$ (m)	Wave period $T_p$ (s)
ST_00	Equilibrium mound (random)	0.8	3.0
ST_00	Equilibrium mound (monochromatic)	0.8	3.0
ST_05	Narrow mound	0.7	3.0
ST_09	Final mound	0.7	3.0

#### 4.1.1.2 Equilibrium mound (random waves)

The equilibrium mound cases were the first tests performed during SUPERTRAM. The initial profile was a plane beach and was subjected to varying wave conditions including both random and monochromatic waves. The first low equilibrium tests produced significant erosion at the shoreline and developed an offshore bar. During later tests, the amount of erosion decreased as the profile approached an equilibrium shape.

Figure 4-7 shows the initial, measured and calculated profiles for the first case, FLA. The run resulted in removal of material from the upper profile and deposition in an offshore bar. Although the calculated results from both models show smaller trends compared to the measurements, both models overpredicted the amount of erosion at the shoreline. Offshore migration of the bar is overestimated. The current model predicts the bar-trough system, whereas SEDACE does not.

#### 4.1.1.3 Equilibrium mound (monochromatic waves)

Figure 4-8 shows model results for an equilibrium mound case involving monochromatic waves. For this case both models overestimate the amount of shoreline erosion. The location of the bar is fairly well-predicted, although details of the bar and



rough development are not preferred. SEARCH predicts better for pressures than the current model.



Figure 4-1. Result of model simulation, SUPER-TANK P1A.



Figure 4-2. Result of model simulation, SUPER-TANK P2A.

#### 4.1.1.4 Narrow-oriented model

For this set of test cases, a narrow-oriented model was constructed on the offshore region of the profile. When looking at the model used a significant amount of energy dissipation, reducing the amount of incident wave energy that reached the structure.

Tests were run with both random and monochromatic waves. Figure 6-3 shows the results for the random wave test, R/R. Waves in this test produced significant erosion at the mound. Erosion was greater on the downwind side of the mound with some sediment being transported down the downwind-facing slope. Both models overestimated the mound erosion. SBEACH predicted the entire mound crest being uniformly lowered.

Figure 6-4 shows the results for the monochromatic wave test, P/C. The uniform height(s) of the monochromatic waves produced an increase in elevation of the mound crest corresponding to the location of an offshore bar. A secondary bar also formed from deposition of eroded downshore sediment. In contrast to the observed profile changes, SBEACH predicts little change in shape of the offshore mound and no erosion bar. The predicted profile by the current model has large change in the mound, with most of sediment being transported offshore, and the location of the predicted offshore bar is situated farther offshore than the measured bar.



Figure 6-3 Results of model simulation, RUPERTLAND B.R.



Figure 4-4 Result of model simulation, SUPERBEAK BEC

#### 4.1.5 Beach-crested mound

This test was similar to the previous test, except that more sand was added to create a wider mound at the offshore to examine the effect of mound width on wave dissipation.

As shown in Figure 4-5, the random wave test case PKA produced a trough at the offshore end of the mound, with material being deposited on the offshore slope of the mound. Little profile change was observed elsewhere. The SBEACH simulation makes the entire mound with most of the eroded material being deposited across the offshore slope of the mound. As a result of the lower mound height, the SBEACH simulation allowed more wave energy to reach the beachface, causing erosion to be concentrated at the beachface. The current model also produces waves around mounds, but approximately half the material from the mound is transported offshore to build up the beachface portion of the profile. Little beachface erosion is predicted by the current model.

The regularized random wave test (post PKC) produced a trough on the offshore end of the beach-crested mound and reduced the height of the entire mound crest, as shown in Figure 4-6. The sediments removed from the mound was deposited in a bar at the offshore

end of the mixed zone. SBBACH produces slightly more lowering of the mound than was observed, and formation of a bar at the offshore end of the mound is predicted, but the observed trough is not produced. Similar to the random-wave case, the current model overpredicts the mound erosion and reduces transport of the eroded material from the mound crest.



Figure 6-5: Results of model simulation, SUPERLONG PCA.



Figure 6-6: Results of model simulation, SUPERLONG PEG.

Figure 6-7 presents the calculated results for the SUPERTANK selected cases. From the results, the predicted profile changes under both monochromatic and random waves have some differences from the laboratory measurements, especially during the offshore wind peak. Some wave generated sediment transport mechanisms are not understood nor included in both numerical models such as wave plunging, sediment advection and diffusion near the breaking point. The results of current model are closer to BRACH in FIA, FGA and FPA cases, but have larger values in FIC, FCA and FPC cases due to more overprediction of mixed motion.



Figure 6-7. Results for BRACH and current model SUPERTANK experiments.

## 6.1.2 LIP 11D Delta Flume Experiments

### 6.1.2.1 Background

In spring of 1993 from April to June, within the framework of the European Large Scale/Action Plan (L-SP), detailed measurements of hydrodynamics and sediment transport in the sand wave field undertakes in the Delta Hydrodynamics Flume. The sand profile 11D and first detailed LIP 11D were designed and executed by researchers from the universities of Cantabria, Liverpool, Padova and Torino. The objectives of the

experiments was to provide high quality and high resolution data on the hydrodynamics and sediment transport dynamics of a natural XCV beach under equilibrium, accretion and erosive conditions. Special attention was paid to long wave effects and near bottom radiation. A first overview of the experiments is presented in Section 4.1 (1994). The data have been reported by Roelvink and Rantsema (1995).

Two initial beach geometries, starting with a near-equilibrium Dune-type beach without (Test 1) and with the presence of a low dune (Test 2), using random grain diameter of 0.23 mm, were used as the project (Figure 4-4). The dune that was located just above the still water level to investigate the effect of upper boundary conditions on the profile development. For each of these two geometries the following three wave conditions were tested: slightly erosive, highly erosive and strongly accretive. Narrow-banded random waves with a JONSWAP spectrum were chosen such that the combination of wave frequency at peak frequency, bottom slope and water level would result in a stable, erosive and accretive beach successively. During each of these stages, the water level and wave conditions were kept constant. This sequence of conditions could be interpreted as a schematisation of the natural development of a dune, represented by the different sea states. The duration (number of wave hours) of each state was determined by the test duration and number of possible wave hours per day, but was chosen to be at least long enough to obtain accurate sediment transport estimates from the profile measurements. A summary of all test conditions is presented in Table 4-1, in which incident wave height, periods, water levels and durations are described.

#### 4.1.2.1 Test 1 (without dune)

Under the flat wave condition (1a), the initial profile changes into a mildly barred profile (Figure 4-5). The sediment transport within the surf zone is predominantly

effluents directed, while the sediment transport is directed seaward outside the reef zone. During the highly wave-wave conditions (14), the bar system becomes more pronounced and at the same time the bar is moving offshore, as shown in Figure 4-10. During the moderate wave conditions (16), the bar crest becomes more pronounced, now propagating in the onshore direction (Figure 4-11). The profile changes in the trough and beach area are small compared to the two previous conditions.

SPHACB predicts therefore erosion in all three cases but so far is flawed.

However, the sediment transport direction predicted by the current model in the beachline region is predominantly onshore for all wave conditions. The reason is that the initial profile slope is steeper than the computed equilibrium beach-profile slope (Fig. 3.23), thus causing onshore sediment movement according to the LBP concept.

Table 4.3. Summary of test conditions in LBP LBP project.

Test cycle	Initial geometry	$H_{w, 100}$ (m)	$T_p$ (s)	Water level (m)	Duration (hr)
1a	Clay-type	0.5	3	-4.0	12
2a	Result of 1a	1.4	3	-4.0	18
3a	Result of 1a	0.5	4	-4.0	12
3a	Clay-type with dune	0.5	3	-4.0	12
2b	Result of 2a	1.4	5	-4.0	12
3b	Result of 2b	1.4	4	-4.0	18
3c	Result of 3a	0.5	3	-4.0	12

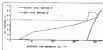


Figure 4-6. Initial beach geometry of LBP LBP experiments (Rodríguez and Kuriama, 1998)

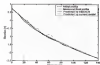


Figure 4-8 Result of model simulation, LIP UG Test 1a.

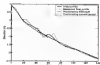


Figure 4-10 Result of model simulation, LIP UG Test 1b.

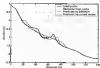


Figure 4-11 Result of model simulation, LIP UG Test 1c.



### 4.4.2.3 Test 3 (with dune)

The observed and predicted profile measurements at the site with a low dune are presented in Figures 4-12 to 4-13. Starting with the mildly adverse wave conditions, the measured changes in the bottom profile are similar to the case without the dune. During the highly adverse wave conditions of Test 2b, the bar feature grows with increasing offshore, increasing the water level (2a) results in a strong attack on the low dune, resulting in significant changes in the bottom profile. A second bar develops closer to the shore whereas the water bar decreases in amplitude and progresses as the offshore decreases. Lowering the water level to its original position and using an adverse wave condition (2a) rebuilds the water bar and diffuses the water bar.

As in Test 1, beach erosion at the shoreline is predicted by SBEACH model in all four cases and a flat profile slope is generated. The current model also predicts about flat profiles in 2a and 2b tests, with some dune erosion occurring due to the slope alignment on the model. There are two bars reproduced by the current model in case 2a, but the bar positions are offshore of those observed. The model predictions in Test 2c are similar to those for Test 1c.



Figure 4-12 Result of model simulation, LIP 1 60 Test 2a.

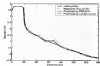


Figure 6-13 Result of model simulation, LIP 145 Test 2a

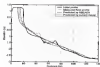


Figure 6-14 Result of model simulation, LIP 145 Test 2a

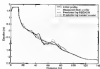


Figure 6-15 Result of model simulation, LIP 110 Test 2a

Figure 6-14 shows the residuals of the model prediction for all tests in LIP 11D experiments. The residuals of SBRACH and CROSS are almost the same except in Test 2a for which the SBRACH residual is the smaller of the two. However, the transport is in opposite direction during the test without down.



Figure 6-14. Residuals for SBRACH and current model, LIP 11D experiments

### 6.2 Field Studies

Profile response of the freshwater and saline is important in regressing applications of numerical models, where model estimates of stress are used to determine the stress effects on structure and properties adjacent to the shoreline. Thus, measures of model performance for field cases focus on its capability to predict the response of the dune and shoreline after storms. Three measures investigated in this study include volume change of the shoreline and increase of a spatial contour.

Volume change of the shoreline is computed as the net gain or loss in volume per unit length within some specified elevation. In this study, the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) is used as the reference elevation. Coastal response parameter information is then used to model predict the amount of a dune or berm, and the time of

beach width resulting from erosion. A representative beach cross-section located between the reference stations (W2/W3) and the dune crest is selected for each field case. Because of the selected cross-section its vertical position on the profile is determined from the measured data and compared with elevation results. In addition, the residual error (Eq. 3.1) between measured and predicted profiles is also investigated.

Field cases selected for this study are based on the availability of data records of beach profile surveys, wave and water level information, and sediment grain size information. The most recognized and applied field case set in the literature is Ocean City, Maryland (a series of storms from October 1994-January 1995) (Stanhilp et al., 1997). The profile changes after Hurricane Dorian 1979 and Hurricane Opal 1995 in the Panhandle Coast of Florida are also investigated.

#### 4.34 Ocean City, Maryland

##### 4.34.1 Background

Ocean City, MD, is located on Fenwick Island, a north-south oriented sandy barrier island of the coastal Delaware-Maryland-Virginia coast. The island extends from Indian River Inlet, Delaware, on the north to Ocean City Inlet on the south and is bounded by bays of Wright and Assawoman Bays. The Ocean City beach was nourished by the state of Maryland in 1985, and the Federal Government in 1990 and 1991 to protect the city against storm damage (Stanhilp et al., 1997). The project layout is shown in Figure 4-12. Bulk deposits were constructed from beach-quality material taken from Bayside Areas 2 and 3. The representative grain sizes from Bayside Areas 2 and 3 are 0.25 mm and 0.16 mm, respectively. The fill constructed by the State of Maryland consisted of approximately 2.2 million cubic yards (2.1 million cubic meters) of material placed along



From late October 1994 to early January 1995 after the project, the beach at Ocean City was impacted by a series of severe storms. The series of storms, which included the October 26, 1994 "Halloween storm", November 23, 1994 storm, and January 4, 1995 storm, caused extensive erosion of the sandbarred beachfront and dunes at Ocean City. As part of the project monitoring effort, beach profile data at ten locations along the shoreline were collected which enabled the analysis of the structural effects of the series of storms. The water height, wave period and storm surge time history were measured by two gauges located directly offshore of Ocean City in a water depth of 10-m. Water depths and profile elevations used are referenced to NGVD, which has a 0.02 m below mean water level for Ocean City.

Six survey lines located at 17th, 45th, 90th, 130th, 240th, and 300th Streets have both pre-storm and post-storm measured profile available and are analyzed in this study for all three major storms. In the analysis of the profile changes, the net volume gained or lost between surveys are quite different from zero, which is considered to be due to gradients in longshore sediment transport. To remove this effect, each post-storm profile is adjusted by shifting the profile horizontally a distance  $\Delta x$  to yield zero-net volume change (Zhang, 1996; Zhang and Dean, 1997). The value of  $\Delta x$  is calculated by

$$\Delta x = -\frac{1}{A_{\text{ave}}} \sum_{j=1}^n (A_{\text{pre}} - A_{\text{post}}) y_j \quad (5.2)$$

where subscripts pre and post denote profile elevations measured before and after storm, respectively,  $y_1$  and  $y_n$  are the offshore-distance coordinates at the baseline and offshore profile change limit, respectively, and  $A_{\text{ave}}$  is the total elevation of the active post-storm profile. The sign of  $\Delta x$  is positive for a seaward translation.

Based on results of individual analyses performed during the monitoring program, a median sediment grain size of 0.35 mm is selected as a representative value for all beach profiles at the monitored locations.

#### 4.2.4.2 Halloween storm

The anomalous storm of October 28 – November 2, 1991 (the "Halloween Storm") produced high waves and water levels at Ocean City, with a peak significant wave height of about 7 m and a peak water elevation of about 1.5 m MCHL. Figure 4-14 shows the measured significant wave height, peak spectral wave period and storm surge time histories for this storm. Pre-storm profiles were collected in June 1990 and post-storm surveys were performed shortly after the storm. The June surveys were assumed to adequately represent the conditions of the upper beach profiles prior to the storm, as no other significant storm events occurred between June and October. Table 4-3 presents the net volume change per unit beach width calculated between surveys for each profile and the corresponding beach shifting adjustment calculated from Eq. 4-2. Five profiles exhibited a net loss of material while one profile (18th Street) gained material.

The model predictions with default input parameters for SBEACH, CIRCUS and current model are presented in Appendix B for all six profiles. Figures 4-15 and 4-16 show one example of the comparison of the calculated results for the profile at 6th Street with the original and shifted profiles, respectively. Good agreement is obtained above the MOVD datum. Below datum, the measured profile exhibits a convex shape with a concave top, whereas the calculated profiles by all three models show more concave shapes with a flat elevated offshore by SBEACH and the current model. The measured beach shape may be attributed to beach recovery prior to the surveys during the waning storm conditions, an effect not included by the models.

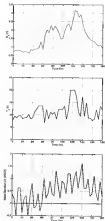


Figure 5-66. Significant wave height, peak-wave period and mean level time history for the shallowest 1991 storm, Ocean City, MD (Hendrix et al., 1999).



Table 4-3: Measured volume changes during the Halloween storm and adjustment  $\Delta p$ 

Temp (°C)	Volume change (m <sup>3</sup> /ton)	Adjustment $\Delta p$ (Pa)
37°C	-59.448	4.766
4°C	-73.088	4.217
20°C	-47.300	3.864
6°C	-58.339	3.339
7°C	-55.611	4.099
10°C	69.197	-7.647

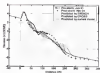


Figure 4-79: Comparison of calculated and input measured profile of the Halloween storm for the profile at Alford street, Ocean City, MD

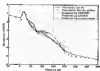


Figure 4-78: Comparison of calculated and input measured profile of the Halloween storm for the profile at Kent street, Ocean City, MD

Figures 6-21 to 6-23 compare volume changes above MSLPD, estimates of  $\sim 1.0$  m contours, and residuals for the measured and simulated profiles for each profile (separately, respectively). In the figures, "without adjustment" means data given by the original measured post-storm profiles, while "with adjustment" means data resulting from horizontally shifted post-storm profiles. The calculated volume changes and contour corrections by all models are close to the measured results with adjustment. On average, the current model results are closer to those by SPILACH. Some differences between SPILACH and the current model may be due to the current model not including sediment transport in beach area and overwash, which are incorporated in SPILACH model. The residuals by CH2DS are smaller than the other two models which may be interpreted that CH2DS has the better overall profile prediction. However, after examining the calculated profiles, it is believed that the major differences are caused by the offshore profile shape preference. CH2DS cannot produce linear and guarantees a flat offshore profile, which occurs in the measured profiles as consistent due to beach recovery. The largest residual discrepancy is at the 30th street, where CH2DS predicts minor profile changes while SPILACH and the current model have fairly correct in the pre-storm beach area and deposition offshore.

#### ii 1.1.3 November-January storm

The November-January(94) storms include the November 13, 1993 storm and the January 4, 1994 storm, with the measured significant wave height, peak wave period and storm surge level shown in Figures 6-24 and 6-25, respectively. In this case, these two storms are analyzed together in the simulation because no beach profile measurements data are available between these two storms.



Figure 4-21 Comparison of measured and simulated volume change along NCVD-3a for the Halloween storm, Ocean City, MD



Figure 4-22 Comparison of measured and simulated increases of the +1.5a contour for the Halloween storm, Ocean City, MD



Figure 4-23 Residuals for SIBACH and current model for the Halloween storm, Ocean City, MD

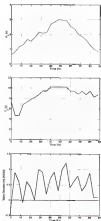


Figure 6-24 Significant wave height, peak wave period and water level time history for the November 1994 storm, Ocean City, MD (Donnelly et al., 1995)

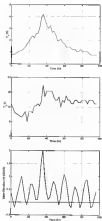


Figure 6-25. Significant wave height, peak wave period and water level time history for the January 1992 storm, Ocean City, MD (Raschke et al., 1992).

As observed in the figures, high mean-tidal water levels loaded approximately 2 days for both storms. The November storm had a peak significant wave height of about 3 m and water elevation of about 1.2 m NGVD. The January storm is much more severe, with a peak wave height and water level of 4 m and 2 m NGVD, respectively. The meteorological characteristics of the January 1992 storm contrast significantly with those of the Halloween storm. Whereas the Halloween storm was a very large, slow-moving extratropical weather system, the January storm was a small, rapidly developing, fast-moving event (Franklin et al., 1992).

The beach profiles measured after the Halloween storm served as post-storm profiles for the HJ storm set. Beach surveys performed shortly after the January storm provided post-storm profiles for comparison with model results. Table 6-4 presents the net volume change per unit beach width calculated between surveys for each profile and the corresponding beach shoring adjustment after the HJ storm. A large gain in material was observed on profiles at 17th and 100th street, whereas volume was conserved reasonably well on the other profiles.

Measured beach response to the HJ storm series shows that four of the six profiles experienced a seaward shift of the dune, and SHELACH produces data seawards on each of the four ones, whereas CROSS and the current model do not. Figures 6-26 and 6-27 illustrate the comparison of calculated results for the profile at 100th street with original and shifted profiles, respectively. It is noted that although substantial erosion occurred at the dune, erosion on the lower beach profile was minimal. A berm above NGVD was developed on the profile. Profiles at 4th, 7th, and 100th street demonstrated similar behavior.

Table 4-4 Measured volume changes during the M1 storm and adjustment dy

Storm No	Volume change (ac-ft)	Adjustment dy (in)
77th	136,450	-10,498
44th	78,8140	-3,155
35th	-15,263	1,236
63rd	-4,221	0.267
74th	3,513	-0.322
103rd	95,430	-1,517

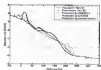


Figure 4-26 Comparison of calculated and measured profile of the M1 storm for the profile at 63rd street, Ocean City, MD

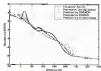


Figure 4-27 Comparison of calculated and observed measured profile of the M1 storm for the profile at 63rd street, Ocean City, MD

Volume changes above HQVD, measured at +1.5 m-tidestage, and residuals of profile changes are presented respectively in Figures 4-28, 4-29 and 4-30 for the NJ study. As for the Baltimore study case, the current model predictions are similar to SBACH results and the differences could be improved by incorporating results from transport and removal from the model. Little change is observed across the entire subreach at the 50% cross profile in both observed and predicted results by SBACH and CROSS, which is indicated by volume change and constant resources. The current model predicts most offshore sediment accumulation from the pre-storm profile near HQVD and thus has volume depletion and sediment accumulation above HQVD. Current resources is corroborated by all three models at the 45th and 74th streets, which are located in the area of the extensive lagoon (Wang et al. 1994). The better predicted results from CROSS are believed to be the main reason to recommend for the Baltimore study.

### 4.1.2 Paduacillo Coast of Florida

Several severe storms have struck the Paduacillo Coast of Florida (Figure 4-31) the past century. Here beach erosion caused by Hurricane Elsie and Opal are examined.

#### 4.1.2.1 Hurricane Elsie

**Background.** Hurricane Elsie continuing its strengthening after sweeping over the Dominican Republic, Cuba, and adjacent waters, and registering its hurricane force on the morning of September 22, 1915 in the central Gulf of Mexico about 300 nautical miles south of New Orleans, struck the Florida northwest coast in the early morning of September 23, 1915. Its center passed the shoreline about midway between Fort Walton Beach in Okaloosa County and Panama City Beach in Bay County at a forward speed of better than 20 knots towards the northeast. Hurricane Elsie was classified 3 on a scale of 5 by the National Hurricane Center.





Figure 4-28 Comparison of measured and simulated volume-discharge above NCND for the N1 storm, Ocean City, MD



Figure 4-29 Comparison of measured and simulated recession of the +1 Sta contour for the N1 storm, Ocean City, MD



Figure 4-30 Residuals for SDR/ACE1 and current model for the N1 storm, Ocean City, MD

**Hydraulic conditions:** Hurricane Eloise was a rapidly moving storm, lasting less than 24 hours. There are no open coast, storm surge measurements available. Numerical estimates ranged from 4 feet (1.24 m) at the western end of Walton County to 9 feet (2.73 m) at the eastern end of the county (Kriebel, 1984). Figure 6-32 shows the predicted storm surge hydrograph near the western end of Walton County used by Kriebel (1984) to verify his storm model. The storm surge at other sites was determined by multiplying a constant over the surge hydrograph in Figure 6-32 for each profile. A representative significant breaking wave height of 12 feet (3.66 m) and peak period of 13 seconds were used in Kriebel (1984).



Figure 6-32: Hydraulic Coast of Florida (Landon et al., 1989)



Figure 6-33: Estimated storm surge hydrograph near the western end of Walton County for Hurricane Eloise (reproduced from Kriebel, 1984)

**Profile response:** Under the Florida Coastal Construction Sediment Line Program, the coastal areas primarily affected by Hurricane Elma in May, Walton and Okaloosa Counties were surveyed in October 1973, with beach shore profiles at approximately every 1500 feet, and offshore soundings every 3000 feet. Post-storm surveys were conducted within 3-4 weeks after the storm in October 1975 in Walton County.

The entire Walton County had suffered severe beach-dune erosion during the storm. However, the measured profiles showed that there was great variability in pre-storm profile forms and in storm erosion responses of individual profiles. In areas where the beach was wide with gentle slopes and gradually merged into the dunes, there was little erosion, whereas in the neighboring areas with steeper beach slopes and rapid shore line, severe erosion took place. Beach responses indicate that gradual wave energy dissipation reduced the erosion potential on the beach. Also over 30 profiles showed a net gain of sand between the two available surveys. Such variability in profile response can be attributed in part to three sources of uncertainty: (1) pre-storm profile configurations between October 1973 and Hurricane Elma, (2) localized longshore transport effects during the storm, creating areas of local accretion and accelerated erosion, and (3) non-uniform beach recovery between the storm and the post-storm surveys. A sand ridge near and above the mean sea level on the pre-storm profiles in Walton County was found to be about 1.5-2.5 feet (0.46-0.76 m) high and 30 feet (9.1 m) wide. On average 60 ft<sup>3</sup>/ft (4.7 m<sup>3</sup>/m) had accumulated on the beach line prior to the post-storm survey (Chiu, 1977). No offshore bar was formed on the post-storm profiles which may be because the storm was so far-moving that there was not enough time to form the bar or a barely formed bar was obliterated by waves between the storm and the survey.

**Sumerian simulation:** A reference profile, line R-41, which has been used in other dune erosion vulnerability studies (Ingole and Chiu 1981, Vellinga 1983, Kraehl 1984), is chosen to investigate the model performance on Hurricane Floyd. Due to lack of offshore profile measurement, the pre-storm profile is constructed as in Kraehl (1984) where NCNTS, the usual measurement is applied, offshore, a  $dy/dx^2$  profile is assumed. The scaling parameter  $A_0$  based on the effective grain size of 0.262 mm, is  $8.144 \text{ m}^{1/3}$  ( $2.123 \text{ m}^{1/3}$ ). The hydraulic conditions of Kraehl (1984) are also adopted.

The pre-storm and post-storm profiles are shown in Figure 4-33. All three models underestimate the dune erosion substantially. The dune measured from two features in profile response may explain the under measured erosion.



Figure 4-33 Comparison of calculated and measured profile of the Hurricane Floyd for the profile at R-41, Walton County, FL.

#### 4.2.2.1 Hurricane Opal

**Background:** Hurricane Opal, which struck the Panhandle Coast of Florida on October 4, 1995, was one of the most severe hurricanes to impact Florida during the past century. Opal reached category-4 status as a superintense hurricane on October 4, 1995.



wave marks surveyed in the beachside by FODF staff and other volunteers following Opal.



Figure 4-25. Wave data at NDBC buoy 43034 during passage of Opal taken from NDBC website: [www.ndbc.noaa.gov](http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov)



Figure 4-26. Storm surge hydrograph for Hurricane Opal at Panama City Beach (Lambert et al., 2005)

**Beach not done erosion:** Hurricane Opal's substantial storm surge and breaking waves severely eroded the beach and dune system throughout the Panhandle Coast. Beach erosion resulted in a significantly lower beach and a shoreline that retreated

landward). Areas of high, continuous dunes experienced substantial erosion while in areas with lower dune topography experienced dune overtopping in which sand material was transported inland to overwash.

Beach and offshore profile data were collected by the Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems, FDEP, in March of 1995 in Bay County and in June of 1995 in Walton County. The post-storm beach and dune profile data were collected in October 1995, on many coasts within 4-5 days of Opal's October 16th landfall. In addition, the Natick District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers obtained a high-resolution bathymetric survey of the offshore region in the vicinity of their planned beach restoration project at Panama City Beach (unfortunately these data are unavailable). Typical examples of profile comparisons for Bay County which include the offshore survey are presented in Figure 6-37 (reproduced Figures 40 and 44 in Lawson et al., 1998). The detailed analysis of beach and dune erosion and structural damage along the Panhandle Coast after Hurricane Opal are given by Lawson et al. (1998).

**Numerical simulation:** Several profiles from Panama City Beach in Bay County are selected to compare the numerical model predictions with measured profiles. The sand grain size is taken as 0.26 mm. The WES data in Section 162 (Figure 6-18) is coupled with the storm surge information in Figure 6-36 in the aspect hydrostatic conditions. Figures 6-38 and 6-40 show two examples of the results from profile 8-31T and 8-4L, respectively. As in the Hurricane Diane case, all three models underestimate the dune erosion substantially. The water level on the pre-storm profiles are not locally eroded by SBEACH and the current model. However, as the observed profile shows in Figure 6-37 for 8-31T, the exposed bar was totally eroded out by the storm.

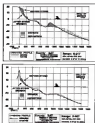


Figure 6-27 Beach and dune erosion and offshore sand deposition in Bay County after Hurricane Opal 1993 (London et al., 1998)

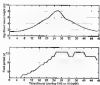


Figure 6-28 Wave conditions of Hurricane Opal for model applications in Bay County (from from: WCD website: <http://hcd.wcd.marine.wvu.edu/wcd/>)





Figure 4-39: Comparison of calculated and measured profiles for Hurricane Opal, profile at E-27T, Bay County, FL.



Figure 4-40: Comparison of calculated and measured profiles for Hurricane Opal, profile at E-4L, Bay County, FL.

### 4.3 Summary

This chapter has presented the model applications to both controlled large-scale laboratory experiments (SLOSH and LIP 100) and field data (Gulfport City, MS, Hurricane Eloise and Hurricane Opal) for storm surges, and compared the results with the profile evolution models SBEACH and CH2MS. Questions arose as to whether the

model performance include removal of profile change, volume change above selected elevation, and removal of a selected contour.

In the laboratory experiments studies, because the focus is on the bar profile generation and migration under different wave conditions, and CROSBY model could not represent bar profiles, only comparison with SHEACH and methods of profile change are investigated. For the simulation of storm surges at Queen City, MD, an adjustment is made by shifting the water profile horizontally a distance in profile area and volume change to approximate removal of longshore sediment transport effects. This adjustment may not be appropriate for the upper beach profile and storm region because the longshore processes primarily affect the subaqueous profile. From the results, it appears that the methods are less affected by the shifting adjustment, while the model volumes and volume reductions are affected more significantly by the shift. For Hurricanes Elmer and Opal, there is no profile adjustment due to lack of sufficient profile measurements.

The results show that the current model with default parameters provides fairly reasonable agreement at most cases with the measurements and model results of SHEACH. Both models could produce bar features offshore, although the bar crest is more pronounced in the current model than SHEACH. The differences between CROSBY and the current model and SHEACH are believed to be mainly due to different wave energy-dissipation representations. CROSBY uses the simple, spilling breaker assumption inside the surf zone, while the current model and SHEACH incorporate more physically based dissipation mechanisms. The discrepancy of volume losses of all three models on field data is believed to be somewhat mainly due to longshore transport effects during storms.

## CHAPTER 7 SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### 7.1 Summary

A numerical model is developed to investigate the use of a roller model for bar generation in the nearshore region and to better represent the time history of cross-shore profile evolution. The cross-shore sediment transport relationship in the model is based on equilibrium beach profile concepts. The wave transformation model by Dally et al. (1984) and the roller model by Dally and Turner (1983) are applied to predict the wave height and roller energy dissipation inside the surf zone, respectively. Profile evolution under random waves is calculated by the wave top-wave approach which does not require assumptions of wave height distribution inside the surf zone. In order to represent bar profiles, a grid system is used that can include representations of bar formation readily. An implicit, double sweep scheme is adopted to solve the sediment transport and continuity equations numerically. An effort is made to account for the wave effects on equilibrium beach profiles using the fall velocity parameter ( $\Omega/\omega T$ ). The two unknowns in the cross-shore sediment relationship are the transport coefficient,  $K$ , and the exponent,  $n$ , in  $Q = K\Delta P = K_s(\Omega - \Omega_c)^n$ . Up to eleven large-scale wave flume laboratory experiments from three different facilities are incorporated in calibration and compare the sediment transport relationships ( $K$  and  $n = 1, 2$  and 3). The best fit transport coefficients are determined as the values yielding the overall least square error of profile changes in each case. Based on the calibration results, it is found that the new linear transport relationship

with  $n = 2$  provides the best representation of profile evolution for monochromatic waves, a result reinforced in integrating model volume evolution with time. For the four irregular wave tests,  $n = 3$  provides the best fit.

The performance of the model is evaluated by the differences between the mean of profile change predicted by the model with fixed and best-fit  $K$  values using the same laboratory experimental data as in the model calibration. The predictions of the model with fixed and best-fit  $K$  values are quite close for the eleven experiments. Sensitivity analyses are also conducted to investigate the effects of several model input parameters on the model performance. The model is then applied to other large scale wave flume experiments (SUPPORTANE and LIP 1119) and field data (Kilbourne storm 1983, November 1994 and January 1995 storms at Ocean City, Maryland, Hurricane Elmer and Opal in the Panhandle Coast of Florida). The model predictions are compared with two other models (SILVACH and CROCK) with default input parameters for all three models. In the Ocean City simulations, in order to reduce longshore transport effects, an adjustment is made by shifting the down-drift profile homogeneously a distance to yield a zero net volume change for each post-storm profile. In the Hurricane Elmer and Opal cases, there is inadequate offshore profile measurements to conduct such an adjustment. Three different measures are proposed to evaluate the agreement between measurements and predictions: model parameter for profile change, volume change and erosion extension from 19740.

### 3.2 Conclusions

The present numerical model is able to simulate beach profile evolution under both monochromatic and random wave conditions. Based on the comparisons conducted and results developed herein, the following conclusions are offered:

(1) The inclusion of a surface-adhesion model with a sediment-breaking wave model provides a robust basis for bar generation. The adhesion model captures the lag between initial wave breaking, and maximum wave energy dissipation. A new equilibrium beach profile shape is developed, which can represent bar profiles.

(2) Modification of the profile scale factor to include a dependency on the full velocity parameters ( $H/wT$ ) accounts for the effects of wave characteristics on beach profile shape and provides an explanation for seasonal shoreline changes in nature.

(3) The exponent,  $n = 2$ , in the sediment transport equation provides better agreement to the laboratory data that values used in previous closed loop models ( $n = 1$  and 3) under non-stationary waves. The determined transport relationship better represents three modes of profile evolution under different initial profile and wave conditions. The transport coefficient  $K$  of  $0.0161W^2 m^3/m^2$  is recommended for model application.

(4) The transport relationship with  $n = 1$  provides the best fit to measured wave data. The reason probably is that the generated waves using the wave-by-wave approach are different from the actual wave series generated in the wave flume, although this issue requires further investigation.

(5) The model is somewhat sensitive to most of the model input parameters with the exception of wave period. The model insensitivity to wave period may be due to the shallow water wave environment in which this model is applied. It is also found that the initial beach slope has no influence on the final equilibrium beach profile shape, although it affects the sediment transport direction and the time required for equilibration.

(6) The units of the sediment transport coefficient  $K$ , when incorporated by Froude scaling, has units of  $(\text{length})^{1/3}$ . Thus, when applying the model to field situations, it is advisable to evaluate the  $K$  value if possible or to consider scaling based on consideration of field and model scales.

(7) Available field data contains an unknown amount of recovery due to sediment transport occurring before the post storm surveys and some net volume changes along the profile due to longshore sediment transport gradients.

### 7.2 Recommendations for Future Study

Several features of the present work merit further consideration and can be readily investigated or incorporated into the model for investigation. The profile changes between the wave set-up limit to the dune limit (the beach zone) in the model are treated to adjust the slope once the limiting slope is reached. To better represent the profile changes in this region and its subsequent effects on surf zone profile changes, the detailed beach evolution and the corresponding sediment transport need to be represented.

By incorporating surface roller into the wave energy dissipation, a bar trough profile can be generated. However, the detailed profile evolution near the bar-trough area is not well simulated. On observed profiles, observed slope of the bar is much steeper, and the bar is much wider than predicted by the model. In some cases, multiple bars are formed within the surf zone. Some adjustments on sediment transport near the wave breaking point may provide improvement. The convergence between offshore transport inside the surf zone and on shore transport outside the surf zone due to wave asymmetry may contribute to bar growth. Lack of transport representation outside of the surf zone also limits the model capability to simulate on shore bar migration and beach recovery in post-storm wave conditions.

Another model improvement candidate is better represent the wave period effects on profile evolution. From the investigation on coastal profile under different period waves in Chapter 3, it is clear that wave periods have an influence on cross-shore sediment transport, especially long period waves (as in Figure 1-7). This effect needs further investigation and incorporation into the model. Although the effect of wave parameters ( $H_w/T$ ) on the profile scale parameters,  $A$ , represents one contribution to this goal.

The sediment transport and resulting profile change under random waves are treated by the wave-by-wave approach, which has the advantage of no wave height distribution descriptive requirements inside the surf zone. However, wave interaction effects on sediment transport are not taken into account. Some studies have shown that long waves (longevity waves) generated by wave interactions can have a significant influence on sediment transport. Further effort is required to determine the best approach of including this effect in third (or energy-dissipation based) models.

The representation of cross-shore sediment transport and profile evolution under low water conditions and conditions associated caused by extreme events and beach-structure interaction is that of shore parallel structures, are requirements for a model to be labeled as a complete and “good” beach profile evolution model. Although these two issues have been included in the MFLACM model, they were treated in ad hoc fashions. A robust understanding of these processes and incorporating them into the current model is another main focus in further model development.

















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153 INT I-DATE
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155 INT I, MAXC
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157 INT I-DATE / I-DATE
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159 INT I-DATE
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161 CALL INTERPOLATE (INTOPT, MAXC)
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163 INT I-DATE
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165 END IF
166

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RETURN
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END
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167 SUBROUTINE INTERPOLATE(ROUNDS,INTOPT IN)
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169 C SUBROUTINE INTERPOLATE(ROUNDS,INTOPT IN)
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171 C SUBROUTINE INTERPOLATE(ROUNDS,INTOPT IN)
172

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173 SUBROUTINE INTERPOLATE(ROUNDS,INTOPT IN)
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175 C IMPLICIT NONE
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177 INTEGER :: ROUNDS, I, MAXC
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179 DOUBLE PRECISION :: ROUNDOFF (MAXC), INTOPT
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181 DOUBLE PRECISION :: ROUNDOFF (MAXC), INTOPT
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183 DATA I-DATE /
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185 INT I-DATE
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187 INT I-DATE
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197 INT I-DATE / I-DATE
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199 INT I-DATE
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201 END IF
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203 END IF
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RETURN
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END
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205 SUBROUTINE INTERPOLATE(ROUNDS,INTOPT IN)
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207 C SUBROUTINE INTERPOLATE(ROUNDS,INTOPT IN)
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**APPENDIX B**  
**SIMULATION RESULTS FOR OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND**

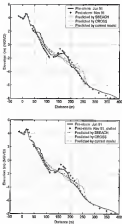


Figure B-1 Results of simulations of the Yellowwater storm for profile at 27th street

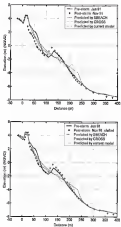


Figure B-1. Results of simulation of the Holloway storm for profile at 43% area.

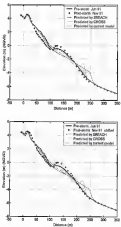


Figure B.3 Results of simulation of the Hallowood room for profile at 300m west.

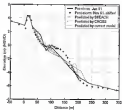
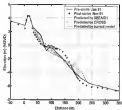


Figure 9-4 Results of simulation of the Halloween storm for profile at Grid 100.

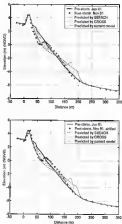


Figure 3-5: Results of maximum of the ballroom stress for profile n° 740 event.



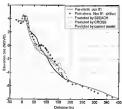
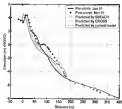


Figure B-4 Results of simulation of the Hudson river storm for profile at 103rd street.

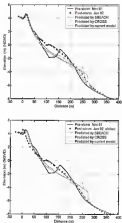


Figure B-7. Results of simulation of the Sun Jan storm for profile at 17h storm.

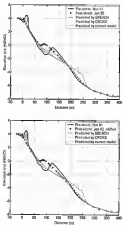


Figure B-8 Results of validation of the Har-100 model for profile at 40m coast.

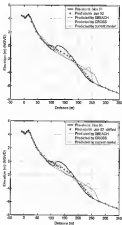


Figure B-9 Results of simulations of the Nav-Can canal for profile at 26th street

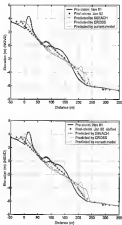


Figure 10-12 Results of simulation of the flow-Jas storm for profile at Gdof street

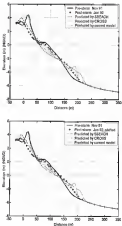


Figure B-11. Profile of cross-section of the Nov-Jan storm for profile of T&E street.

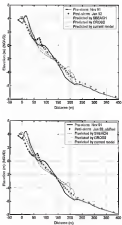


Figure B-12 Results of simulations of the New Jussieu for profiles at 10 kV arc.

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